

Howe to urge action on South Africa

Sir Geoffrey Howe warned Mrs Thatcher that further measures against South Africa are inevitable and will recommend action to Cabinet today

The Government told a Commons committee that trade and other measures against South Africa would hurt Britain's external trade

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, back from his fruitless mission to South Africa, told the Prime Minister last night of his conclusion that further measures against the Pretoria regime are inevitable.

The Cabinet meets today to discuss its strategy for next week's Commonwealth summit and will be presented with Sir Geoffrey's judgement that Britain has no choice, after President Botha's rejection of all his main demands, but to go along with a limited package of further measures.

Sir Geoffrey, met Mrs Thatcher knowing that she would have to be convinced about the need for further action. He told her that he saw no point in returning to Pretoria, barring a sudden conversion by Mr Botha which resulted in the release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned African National Congress leader.

Those who accompanied Sir Geoffrey on his mission were struck by Mr Botha's lack of understanding or appreciation over the personal efforts by President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher to delay the implementation of sanctions and trying instead to proceed by way of negotiations with him.

Sir Geoffrey briefed Mrs Thatcher at two separate meetings as pressure for sanctions built up from politicians of all parties and Commonwealth leaders.

The all-party Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, in a report completed only days ago, had concluded that if the Foreign Secretary returned empty-handed pressure for the imposition of further measures would be "intense".

Failing an early response from the South Africans it was likely that the industrialized countries, including Britain, would feel compelled to follow the course of sanctions.

The Cabinet is expected today to agree in principle to further measures but only if they agreed by the international community.

Mrs Thatcher's colleagues believe that she will in the end reluctantly go along with some further action - although she will fight to limit them - but she will insist that they cannot be agreed until the European Council meets towards the end of September to consider the results of Sir Geoffrey's mission.

British interests 'will be eroded'

The imposition of trade and other measures against South Africa would run counter to Britain's interest as a nation dependent on external trade, the Government said in evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A Foreign Office memorandum to the committee, initially confidential but made public yesterday, declined to repeat predictions by the Government that sanctions against South Africa would cost Britain about 120,000 jobs.

However it said that there could be no doubt that a significant number of jobs, particularly in engineering, transport equipment and chemicals, were dependent on Britain's visible and invisible trade with South Africa.

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The US Ambassador to Zambia met leaders of the African National Congress yesterday in the first official US contact, an ANC spokesman said

On coal and steel imports and new investment. They would involve the United States, Europe and the Commonwealth, but fall well short of what most of the Commonwealth want.

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The paper stated that unofficial estimates put the value of UK portfolio investment in South Africa at £1 billion but it said that the figures must be treated with caution because in



Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk after announcing his decision to quit politics yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Militants force Labour MP to leave politics

The Labour MP for the Merseyside constituency of Knowsley North, Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk is quitting politics, claiming he has been driven out by members of the far-left Militant Tendency in his constituency.

He said yesterday: "They have destroyed my will to continue as an MP."

Mr Kilroy-Silk, aged 44, is to join BBC television as the presenter of a new discussion programme.

He had a 17,000 majority in the last election and, as a former front bench spokesman for Labour on home affairs, could have expected a ministerial post in a future Labour government.

His decision to leave in September ends a long and bruising re-selection battle with his constituency's Militant members. He said: "I cannot continue for three years being constantly undermined, abused, shouted at and vilified by my own party and remain an enthusiast for politics."

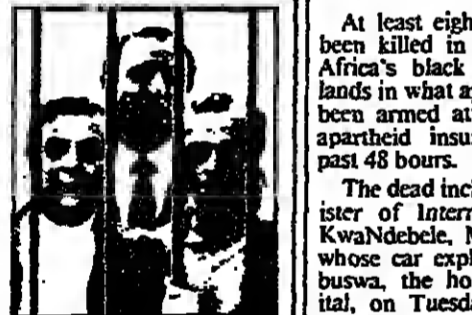
"I wanted to be an MP from the age of 16. I read politics at the London School of Economics and then taught politics at Liverpool University so I could be an MP, and I never thought this day would come. But the extremists have destroyed my wish to carry on."

The Militant-inspired campaign to have Mr Kilroy-Silk deselected began after he won the new seat of Knowsley North, which includes two vast housing estates on the outskirts of Liverpool in 1983. He had formerly been MP for Ormskirk since 1974.

Mr Kilroy-Silk was being challenged by two far-left candidates, Mr Ken Coorobes and Mr Tony Mulhearn, who are the Labour Party national executive committee halted the re-selection process last November and ordered an inquiry into alleged irregularities into the composition of the Knowsley North constituency party management committee. The inquiry has still to be held. Mr Mulhearn has subsequently been expelled from the Labour party for a being a member of Militant.

Mr Kilroy-Silk said: "The militants have 'packed' the management committee with their own supporters who have no right to be there. I am confident that if everything about the election were proper and above-board I would win it. But about three weeks ago I finally decided I would not stand again. I mentioned a decision to a friend and subsequently I was approached by the BBC. I accepted the offer almost immediately."

Tomorrow The Mafia on trial



A family caged: has Italy's biggest show trial of 474 mafiosi brought relief from persecution for Sicily?

Portfolio Gold The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mrs B. Pagan of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Mr A. Hoare of Swanley, Kent.

Priest arrives Father Lawrence Jenco, the American Roman Catholic priest held hostage in Lebanon, arrived in Britain last night after meeting the Pope in Rome.

Profit lesson Success in business depends on getting management education properly organized, says Barry Barker in an introduction to today's General Appointments Pages 22-25

Eight die in tribal homelands attacks

At least eight people have been killed in two of South Africa's black tribal homelands in what appears to have been armed attacks by anti-apartheid insurgents in the past 48 hours.

The dead included the Minister of Internal Affairs of KwaNdebele, Mr Piet Ntuli, whose car exploded in Siyabuswa, the homeland's capital, on Tuesday night, according to the Bureau for Information in Pretoria.

Another seven people - three policemen and four civilians - were also killed in an attack by men armed with AK 47 rifles and hand grenades on the police station in Umtata, the capital of the Xhosa-speaking Transkei, in the Eastern Cape, which is one of four tribal homelands to have accepted "independence" from Pretoria.

KwaNdebele, about 70 miles north-east of Pretoria, has been in turmoil since the beginning of the year because of the homeland Government's decision to accept independence on December 11 of last year.

Thatcher cancels arts festival visit

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has bowed to Edinburgh's Labour-controlled district council and will not be visiting the Commonwealth Games arts festival in the city's Assembly Rooms, which the council owns. There will be no civic reception.

However the Prime Minister, who arrives in Scotland today, will go to Meadowbank stadium tomorrow, since she has been invited by the organizers and the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Mr Maxwell yesterday met the Prince and Princess of Wales when they visited the Commonwealth village in the town of Perth, Scotland, on their way to Edinburgh.

Mr Rowland took a 36 per cent stake in Today earlier this year as part of a rescue package. Since then there has been increasing speculation that a move of offices by The Observer would be accompanied by a switch to Today's non-union press.

Editor to head the National Gallery

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent Mr Neil MacGregor, editor of The Burlington Magazine, has been selected as the new director of the National Gallery. His appointment is expected to be announced by the Prime Minister's office today.

A Civil Service panel which interviewed 10 candidates earlier this month maintained secrecy about its recommendations yesterday, but a highly-placed source said that Mr MacGregor was offered the job.

His appointment to succeed Sir Michael Levey to one of the most important positions in British art will be seen as innovative. Mr MacGregor, a former lecturer in the history of art and architecture, has no experience of directing a gallery. However, he is said to have impressed the panel with his urbane manner and imaginative responses.

A tribute to the new director came yesterday from Mr Timothy Clifford, director of the National Gallery of Scotland, who had been a leading candidate for the position. He said: "Neil is a very charming person, and I shall look forward to collaborating with him."

900 flee liner as blast starts fire

Miami (AP/Reuter) - At least seven people were injured, one critically, and all 897 passengers evacuated in lifeboats when fire broke out after an explosion on the cruise ship Emerald Seas about 50 miles north of Nassau and 130 miles east of Miami yesterday.

The Coast Guard said the ship was in the Berry Islands, and that the fire, which took 2½ hours to control, started after an explosion in the storeroom. There were no immediate details of damage.

The Coast Guard said the critically injured person was burned, but he had no further detail on injuries, including whether the injured were passengers or crew.

The Coast Guard planned to fly the injured to a hospital in Nassau, but the critically injured person will then be flown to the Jackson Memorial Hospital burns treatment centre in Miami, he said.

Car bomber executed

Beirut - Militiamen of the Shia Muslim Amal movement, led by Mr Nabih Berri, Lebanon's Justice Minister, yesterday took justice into their own hands by publicly executing a car bomber.

He killed many people and wanted to kill more," an Amal militiaman said.

The execution was clearly aimed as a warning after two car bomb attacks killed 55 people in Christian and Muslim sectors of Beirut this week.

It came as both sides accused one another of the attacks.

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Road crash victim loses extra cash awarded for divorce

An award of £434,126 damages to a road crash victim, whose devastating injuries wrecked his marriage and left his life in ruins, was cut by £72,000 in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The judges ruled that Mr Vivian Pritchard, aged 40, should now receive £362,126 instead of the sum awarded to him by Mr Justice Swinton Thomas in the High Court last September, which was a record for road accident injuries.

Setting an important legal precedent, Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Sir Roger Ormrod ruled that Mr Pritchard was not entitled to £53,000 to enable him to set up two separate households - one for himself and one for his wife and children - after a divorce due to a personality change caused by his injuries.

The judges also halved an £18,000 award in respect of nursing care given to Mr Pritchard by his wife, and cut

£10,000 off a sum of £60,000 awarded for "pain, suffering and loss of amenity".

Mr Pritchard, of Weavills Road, Bishopstoke, Hampshire, was injured in 1976 when a lorry collided with his car.

JH Cobden Ltd, the owners of the lorry, and their driver, Mr Malcolm Parrott, of Martock, Somerset, did not contest liability for the accident, which left Mr Pritchard with what the High Court judge described as "catastrophic" brain damage.

Before the accident he was a happy family man who enjoyed his work as a technical officer for the Ministry of Defence and had a keen interest in sailing, swimming, reading, do-it-yourself and driving. He and his wife, Mary, now 38, had an active social life. His injuries left him brain damaged, blind in one eye and with a severely paralysed leg.

The couple married in 1969 and have three children. They were divorced in 1984. Mrs

Pritchard, of Brindle Lodge, Nunton, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, brought the divorce proceedings after the marriage broke down because of her husband's injuries.

Canvelling the £53,000 award for the cost of two homes, Lord Justice O'Connor said: "Any alteration of the plaintiff's financial position as a result of divorce or breakdown of marriage should be wholly disregarded when it comes to assessing the damages recoverable by him from the defendant."

"We consider that this should be so, despite the fact that the divorce has resulted from the injuries."

After the ruling, which is expected to be the subject of an appeal to the House of Lords, a lawyer said: "This totally changes the law. It means that, as a matter of public policy, you cannot now get damages in respect of costs incurred by a divorce which has stemmed from accident injuries."



Sara Trainor shows Mr Jack Feinstein the painting that won her art awards in America (Photograph: Suresh Karadta).

Artist finds cabbie she made famous

By Trudi McLatosh

An American art student, whose oil painting of a London taxi driver in his cab won two important art awards in Boston, was reunited with her subject in Mayfair yesterday after writing a letter to *The Times* to trace him.

Sara Trainor, aged 18, from

Boston, Massachusetts, presented the painting, "London Cab Driver", to a delighted Mr Jack Feinstein, who has been driving American tourists around the capital's sights for 28 years.

"To be London's only taxi driver immortalized on canvas is like a dream come true. I am still getting over the shock of

Sara finding me out of 19,000 taxi drivers", Mr Feinstein from Gants Hill, Essex, said.

He was found when *The Times* sent a photograph of him to the London Taxi Drivers Association. It had been taken three years ago by Sara's sister, Carol, after Mr Feinstein had driven them from outside Buckingham Pal-

ace to Harrods in Knightsbridge. Mr Feinstein was recognized immediately.

Miss Trainor, who is touring Britain with her family, said:

"I so much wanted to present him the painting after his success but he never told us his name back in 1983."

Hypnotist 'made man confused'

A businessman wanted to die in his hypnotist's chair after being told of his company's collapse, a medical disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Mr George Waterson, aged 49, said he had nothing to live for when told that his once successful bicycle business had to go into liquidation.

Later that week Mr Waterson, of Arthor Road, Hale, Cheshire, was admitted to hospital, after a "gross deterioration" in his health, his wife Anne, told the General Medical Council in London.

She said her husband suffered a change in personality and health while being treated by Dr Joseph Jaffe. This was due to injections of a mysterious drug "Jaffe juice" and hypnosis treatment given by the doctor, she claimed.

Dr Jaffe, of Sheepfoot Lane, Prestwick, Manchester, was appearing before the General Medical Council disciplinary committee over five charges of serious professional misconduct.

He was accused of brainwashing his patient and leaving him addicted to an unknown drug. The charge states the treatment made Mr Waterson confused, his health, mood and mental concentration affected and leaving him unable to fulfil his domestic and business responsibilities.

Mrs Waterson said that in March 1983, when told his business was finished, her husband broke down. "He was crying and trembling. He could hardly lift his feet to walk properly."

"He said he had nothing left to live for - he wanted to die. He just wanted to go and sit in Dr Jaffe's black chair and die."

The hearing continues.

Better deal sought for children

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Law Commission wants a better deal for children of divorced parents. It says they can feel like ping pong balls, batted from mother to father and back again under court orders awarding custody to one parent and rights of access to the other.

"Custodianship" - new in 1985 - allows other relatives, step-parents and foster parents to apply and grandparents can ask for access.

A summary of the main problems and proposals, *150,000 Children Divorced in Year: What's Next?*, is available free of charge from the Law Commission, which is asking for views to be sent by December 31 to Miss J C Lewis, The Law Commission, Conquest House, 37/38 John Street, Theobalds Road, London WC1N 2BQ.

The Law Commission, *Working Paper No 10: Family Law: Review of Child Law: Custody*, published today, asks for views on new proposals.

At present responsibilities

Offers of art home pour in

The rush is on to provide a home for a superb art collection being offered to Britain by one of America's richest men.

There have been more than 30 proposals since *The Times* disclosed on Monday that Mr Fred Koch, a multimillionaire, had scrapped plans to establish his art gallery and study centre in a Regent's Park villa.

Mr Koch blamed the complexities of the British planning system, which had led to a three-year delay in getting approval for the project, for his decision to pull out.

But since stating that he still preferred a British home for the gallery devoted to nineteenth century academic art, his agents, Cluttons, have been inundated with offers from around the country.

More people walk in fear

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Most people are more anxious about their personal safety than they were last year, according to a crime survey published yesterday. Women and old people are most fearful, and only a few people say they are less anxious.

The survey, carried out by telephone among 456 people in the middle of this month, was conducted by RIM Research Partners Group for the Association of Market Survey Organizations.

Eighty-seven per cent of parents with children aged

Crime Survey

under 14 said they stopped them playing alone or in the street more than they believed their parents had.

Most respondents (88 per cent) felt that people who committed serious crimes received sentences that were light compared with those that courts meted out for less serious crimes. A similar number believed that the courts were frequently not imposing heavy enough sentences.

At the same time a fifth of those questioned thought that

Typical shoplifter is a young male

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The popular idea of the shoplifter as a mentally unbalanced, middle-aged or elderly woman is not borne out by the facts, according to a briefing paper by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) published today.

"As with most other crimes, the known offender is typically young and male." The proportion of male shoplifters is

Irradiation of food 'should be deferred'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Government plans to allow the irradiation of food should be postponed for up to three years to allow adequate safety checks to be carried out, the National Consumer Council says today.

"We have still to be convinced that sufficient information exists to be reasonably sure that irradiation does not pose any new hazards to the consumer," the council chairman, Mr Michael Montague, says in a letter to Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of State for Health.

The letter was made public on the final day for submitting comments on food irradiation to the minister. In April the Department of Health and Social Security published a report by an advisory committee which recommended that general clearance for food irradiation should be granted.

The council says irradiation could provide sufficient availability of perishable foodstuffs. ● *Debreit's Peasage*, for more than two centuries the world's leading authority on aristocratic lineage, said yesterday it was diversifying into the gourmet food market (Nicholas Beeston writes).

The first of the "carefully selected" products to bear the Debreit's coronet emblem will be Scottish smoked salmon and a range of smoked cheeses, produced by Westminster Smoked Foods, of Cumbria.

The publishing company's managing director, Mr Robert Jarman, said that demand for the foods was especially high overseas, in particular the US and Japan.

£2m grant for computers to assist disabled

The Government is to make £2 million available for developing computers and electronics to help the disabled. The funding is designed to attract four times that figure, mostly from the private sector (Bill Johnstone writes).

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, said the initiative will last until 1988. "Information technology is too often seen as a dehumanizing or alienating factor, but it has enormous power to benefit the lives of people," particularly disabled people.

He said eligibility for funding will depend on the innovative aspects of the new products or proposals and the benefits which would accrue to disabled people.

Woman wins surety appeal

Mrs Sheila Bazzani, of Hill Cottages, Daresbury, Cheshire, has won an appeal against her £100,000 surety for her husband's bail on the grounds that she failed to appear at court yesterday.

Justice Stephen Brown, sitting with Mr Justice Goff, said the surety was not a contract. Mrs Bazzani's husband, Mr John Bazzani, was charged with the murder of a woman in 1984. He was granted bail on the condition that Mrs Bazzani should appear at court for him.

She failed to appear at court yesterday, and her husband was remanded in custody.

American tourists are coming back to Britain

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Airlines, hotels and shops were yesterday reporting that American tourists are back in greater numbers but official figures showed how far they turned away from Britain earlier in the year.

In May the number of visitors from north America plunged 40 per cent compared with the same period last year.

The steep decline, on top of a 19 per cent drop in April, came after fears about terrorism had combined with the effects of a weak dollar to leave Americans with less holiday spending power in sterling.

Mr Duncan Black, chairman of the British Tourist Authority, said there was ample evidence that traffic from north America has been picking up. The authority's New York office is now getting 1,000 inquiries a day.

Mr Robin Lees, chief executive of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association, said: "There seem to have been plenty of Americans over for the big events like Wimbledon, Ascot and Henley, while the royal wedding not only gave hotels plenty of business but should stimulate further tourism."

British Airways reported June carryings from the United States to be an improvement on May.

Man lay dead for six weeks

Edith Bond fobbed off neighbours' inquiries about her husband's body, which lay in bed in their flat in Rockingham Street, Southwark, south London.

Dr Charles Naylor, pathologist, told Southwark coroners' court yesterday that it was impossible to ascertain the cause of death. Dr David Vernon Foster, the coroner, recorded an open verdict and the inquest was told that Mrs Bond had been taken into care.

3 years for boy's killer

A man who pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a boy aged two was jailed for three years in Birmingham yesterday. Peter Blundell, aged 31, admitted shaking the boy violently and banging his head against a wall, causing brain injuries.

A kidney belonging to the boy, Lee McGurin, was used to save the life of a Manchester girl, aged 11, after he died when his mother agreed to a life support machine being switched off.

Youth held on death charges

Lee Baker, aged 19, who is charged with killing Mrs Aida Goode, aged 49, and Mr Clive Rattue, aged 53, at Southbourne, was yesterday remanded in custody by Bournemouth magistrates.

Baker, of Bournemouth, is also accused of trying to kill Mrs Helen Longhurst, aged 19, arson at Mrs Goode's home, and assaulting Miss Rene Weigel, aged 16. The offences are alleged to have been committed last Monday.

ITN proposes 24-hour news by satellite

Independent Television News has drawn up plans for a 24-hour news and current affairs channel, which it hopes to begin broadcasting by satellite directly to homes by 1990 (Gavia Bell writes).

Proposals being discussed with prospective partners are aimed at providing live coverage of important events, as well as regular news bulletins and features on sport, the arts, and consumer products.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has invited applications by August 29 for contracts to broadcast ITN's plans, which envisage co-operation with American and Australian networks, include regular coverage of the European Parliament and the United States Congress. The company also believes that both Houses of Parliament may be televised after the next general election.

Theft marks growing loss of church art

The theft of a 460-year-old brass figure of a young woman from inside St Peter and St Paul's church in Appledore, Kent, is the latest of a growing trend to steal valuable medieval English metal works (Angella Johnson writes).

The five-and-three-quarter-inch figure (right) of a young girl with long flowing hair, dressed in a long gown with fur cuffs and a headress, is dated 1520 and it is expected that it will end up either in a private collection or be sold to an antique dealer.

The Monumental Brass Society says that if this trend continues the result will be a gradual erosion of the 8,000 or so medieval brass pieces to be found in old churches all over the country.

Mr John Page-Phillips, president of the society, said: "There is a very real danger that we will never recover this



Small but excellent piece. Of the 36 brass objects stolen since the war, only 11 have been recovered.

MP case ends

Mr Bob Gearty, a Conservative MP, has ended his case against the Labour Government over alleged mismanagement of the Falkland Islands. Mr Gearty's case was dismissed by the House of Commons yesterday.

Drinks start at earlier age

Drinking alcohol at an earlier age is linked to health problems, a study by the World Health Organization has found. The study, which followed 10,000 people over 10 years, found that those who started drinking at an early age had a higher risk of liver disease and other health problems.

CND delay

The time-honoured phrase "being called to the bar" is under threat after taking on a literal meaning in a remote county of the Irish Republic.

Courts in some areas of Co Donegal have been sitting in licensed premises as part of the council's effort to provide better equipped venues for justices, legal representatives and their clients.

As Guinness was consumed in the bars, justice was dispensed in a makeshift courtroom at hotels in four places. But people taking children to court were breaking the law and the Garda (police officers) appearing in cases were breaching their own disciplinary code.

The High Court in Dublin

Three killed

Three people were killed and several others injured in a collision between a lorry and a car on the M1 motorway near London yesterday.

Court calls a halt to bar-room justice

has now halted the practice after objections from a solicitor who discovered an 1851 law prohibiting courts in licensed premises on licensed premises.

Two months ago his senior partner objected to courts in licensed premises in four towns. Early in July Mr Neilan sat in the Millford hotel and proposed to adjourn cases to a special court.

The adjournments contravened the Petty-Sessions Ireland Act, 1851, which forbade courts on licensed premises and the conditional order made in May which banned justices from sitting in such premises.

Afterwards Mr McMyler said: "These are not suitable venues for dealing with family law matters or children's cases. Family law is supposed to be 'in camera' but everyone knew what was going on." It was an offence to take

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Plea to doctors over cough

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The medical profession throughout Britain is being urged to help to fight a whooping cough epidemic which is due to reach a peak this autumn.

Sir Donald Acheson, chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, and Mrs Anne Poole, the chief nursing officer, have written to doctors and nurses, appealing to them to maintain the momentum on immunization against the disease, after a government-sponsored campaign launched last September.

Immunization rates among infants have risen slowly, from 51 per cent in 1982 to 65 per cent in 1984, but are still as much as 20 per cent lower than vaccinations for other diseases. Concern among parents about possible side effects of the whooping cough vaccine has been an important factor for the low rate.

"If parents can be persuaded to have all susceptible children under the age of six protected, except where the doctor advises against it, the level of immunity in the population will be such that this prolonged and unpleasant disease can be virtually eliminated," Sir Donald and Mrs Poole said yesterday.

Doctors and nurses are being told in the Department of Health letter that action now can still reduce the impact of the current epidemic, which occurs in four-year cycles.

The Royal Society of Medicine yesterday called for a mass immunization programme for homosexuals against hepatitis, who are 500 times more likely to get the disease than heterosexuals.



Mrs Glenys Kinnock leaving Northampton with Monsignor Bruce Kent on the anti-nuclear march to Towcester.

Mrs Kinnock in march

Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour Party leader, joined Monsignor Bruce Kent, vice-chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), on an anti-nuclear march yesterday.

Mrs Kinnock set out on the 11-mile Northampton to Towcester leg of a 500-mile march by Mgr Kent from the Faslane Polaris submarine base in Scotland to the nuclear

Where provinces outdo the rich South

By Robin Young

The South-east is the wealthiest region in Britain, but East Anglia the most rapidly growing. The North-west has the highest birth rate, while the East Midlands tops the league for violence against the person and sexual offences.

Northern Ireland has more church marriages and the lowest illegitimacy rates, but also the highest death rate from heart disease, while the North has most cancer deaths.

All those, and thousands more facts besides, are contained in 160 tables,

maps and charts of regional data produced by the Government Statistical Service to make up the twenty-first edition of the Central Statistical Office's annual publication, *Regional Trends*.

Chapters include coverage of population (30 per cent up in East Anglia since 1961); housing (Northern Ireland exceptional in having a higher completion rate in 1984 than in 1979); health (more than twice the number of health service beds per 1,000 of population available in Scotland than in the Oxford regional health authority); law enforcement

(more than twice the proportion of motoring prosecutions for reckless or careless driving in Northern Ireland than in any other region); and education (Scotland has the smallest pupil/teacher ratio but Greater London has the smallest class sizes).

On employment, it is disclosed that the North was the only region where the civilian working population (which includes the unemployed) was smaller in 1985 than it was in 1975.

Foreign-owned enterprises accounted for 36 per cent of net capital expenditure in manufacturing in Northern Ireland in 1983, but only 9

per cent in Yorkshire and Humberside and the West Midlands.

Nearly a quarter of the United Kingdom dairy herd is in the South-west, and nearly a third of the beef herd in Scotland. On transport the South-west has more cars per head than any other region.

People in the South-east were most likely to own all consumer durables, except washing machines. In contrast Northern Irish households were among the least likely to have most durables, yet have an unusually high ownership of dishwashers.

Tomorrow: earnings

Ulster 'is most law abiding'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Northern Ireland is the most law-abiding place in the United Kingdom, according to figures of notifiable offences recorded by the police.

There is not as much violence against the person there as in some other places and much less criminal damage.

That is how Northern Ireland appears when the offences are given per 100,000 population in *Regional Trends*. With 4,292 offences in 1984, it has fewer than half the 9,229 of top-of-the-table Scotland, and even the North (8,734) and North-west (8,642). Next in criminality come Yorkshire and Humberside (7,172), the South-east (7,006), East Midlands (6,333), Wales (6,109), South-west (5,056) and East Anglia (4,739).

But Northern Ireland comes top for robbery and the South-east next. Scotland scores heavily with fraud and forgery and the highest incidence of criminal damage. The South-east has by no means as much burglary (1,622) as, say, the North (2,679). North-west

Notable offences recorded by the Police



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The figures are bound to add to doubts about using recorded offences as a means of measuring crime and rates of solving it. The variations in recorded crime by region are a result partly of police recording and operational differences, but reflect more the socio-economic-industrial

Smear tests fail to halt cancer deaths

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A large increase in the number of tests for cervical cancer has resulted in only a small decrease in the deaths from the disease, according to the latest government health statistics.

The reduction was described as "wretched and appalling" by a leading specialist yesterday.

"We are only barely containing the problem and unless we do something urgently we will be facing a huge increase in deaths by the end of the century," Dr Robert Yule, head of Britain's biggest cervical smear testing laboratory, said.

The figures show that 3.4 million tests were carried out in 1984, 24 per cent more than in 1979. But 2,130 women in Britain died from the disease in 1984, only 9 per cent fewer than five years earlier. Cervical cancer can be cured if detected and treated at an early stage.

"A reduction in the death rate of about 2 per cent a year is disgraceful. It shows that we are not helping the women most at risk, those over 40 and those in the lower socio-economic classes," Dr Yule said.

sounds large but it actually means that only about one and a half million women a year are being tested, and that is pathetic."

About five million women should be receiving the test annually, according to Dr Yule, who is consultant cytopathologist at the Christie Hospital, Manchester.

The government statistics for 1984 also show a 7 per cent rise in the number of legal abortions, and suggest that the increase may have been linked with a "pill scare" the previous year. Many women stopped using oral contraceptives because of publicity that associated some types of pill with an increased risk of cancer.

Low rates of vaccination of children against whooping cough indicate that many parents are still concerned about possible side effects.

Waiting lists for hospital treatment were longest in the North-east Thames health region in London, and shortest in the neighbouring North-west Thames region. Private medical insurance was more likely to be held in the south-east of England than anywhere else in Britain.

Home ownership up by 8%

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Home ownership in the United Kingdom, now standing at about 62 per cent, shows wide regional variations, the survey shows.

In Scotland, where home ownership has traditionally been in the minority, it stood at 40 per cent in 1984 but that compared with 33 per cent in 1974. By contrast the highest level was in the south-west of England, where home ownership increased from 61 per cent to 69 per cent in the 10 years to 1984.

In all regions, home ownership increased during the period by 8 or 9 per cent, with a particular rise in the past five years, during which council

tenants have had the right to buy.

The proportion of homes rented from local authorities or new town corporations rose slightly or remained steady between 1974 and 1979 but fell by 3 per cent or more from 1979 to 1984, reflecting the right-to-buy legislation.

The statistics chart the continuing increase in house prices, and show how the high prices in London and the South-east reflect relatively high costs of housing land.

The recorded price of housing land in the North in 1984 was £65,000 per hectare, and land price accounted for 9 per cent of the cost of a new

dwelling, whereas in the South-east the figure was £313,000, compared with £238,000 in 1983.

In Greater London the cost of housing land per hectare increased from £493,000 in 1983 to £559,000 in 1984, but because of the high cost of London housing the land accounted for a slightly lower percentage of the price - 26 per cent - than in the South-east generally.

For the South-east outside Greater London, the price in 1984 was £269,000 per hectare, compared with £100,000 in the North-west, £150,000 in the West Midlands and £74,000 in East Anglia.

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| East Midlands | 56 | 58 | 65 | 28 | 28 | 22 | 12 | 10 |
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| West Midlands | 55 | 57 | 62 | 33 | 33 | 29 | 13 | 10 |
| North West | 57 | 59 | 64 | 29 | 30 | 25 | 14 | 11 |
| England | 55 | 57 | 63 | 28 | 29 | 26 | 17 | 14 |
| Wales | 58 | 59 | 66 | 28 | 29 | 24 | 14 | 12 |
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| Northern Ireland | 48 | 52 | 57 | 37 | 38 | 14 | 15 | 10 |

Source: The Department of Environment

PARLIAMENT JULY 30 1986 Docklands

Light rail link essential to finance centre development

LONDON DOCKS

Without an extension of the London docklands light railway to Canary Wharf it would be impossible to go ahead with a proposed massive new finance centre covering 71 acres and including three office blocks one 350 feet high.

Lord Hacking (Ind) said in the House of Lords when successfully moving the second reading of the London Docklands Railway (City Extension) Bill.

Without the railway link, he said, the complex could only become a satellite in danger of moving away to an orbit separate from the City of London. The developers had said that without the rail link they would not go ahead with the finance centre.

That was not to downgrade road plans and even a link via the Thames, but the rail link would provide a four-way interchange at Bank station with the

underground. There was no truth in the rumour that the Northern Line was in danger of closing.

The new docklands light railway due to be completed by 1989, would greatly improve the public transport system of the region.

The Canary Wharf development would be the biggest private investment project in the world, covering a space of 12.4 million square feet of which 8.8 million would be office accommodation and support services.

It would create 57,000 jobs when completed, of which 21,000 would be available to people living locally.

The light railway, both the original line and the proposed extension up to the Bank of England, would cost an estimated £200 million, about half the cost of a conventional rail system.

Lord Selson of Garsston said that it seemed to him that what they were talking about was not a

regeneration of London Docklands but the creation of a new capital city, a third as big as London.

He moved an instruction that the select committee considering the Bill should have regard to the consequences of the proposals on the rest of the South East region and in particular on the City of London.

This has ceased (he said) to be merely regeneration of London Docklands. This has now become something extra, much bigger.

Lord Aberdeen (Ind) said there were 15 petitions against the Bill so the select committee would be hearing a wide variety of objections to it.

Earl of Limerick (Con) said more space was needed for the development of financial services and the developers of the project had made it clear that they were not willing to proceed unless there was a railway.

100,000 sales a year

COUNCIL HOUSES

Under the tenant's right to buy legislation, sales to sitting tenants were running at about 100,000 a year and already totalled nearly a million altogether.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for Environment, said when moving second reading of the Housing and Planning Bill in the Lords.

However, very few of the buyers were people who lived in flats. They made up only 4 per cent of the total, and the scheme

should be changed for their benefit. The Bill would increase the maximum discount available to tenants of flats from 60 per cent to 70 per cent after 15 years tenancy. It would also reduce the period during which the purchaser of a dwelling under the scheme who sold it was liable to repay a proportion of the discount on resale from five years to three.

With its other provisions the Bill would increase the numbers of those who would buy their council flats and improve the management of many housing estates.

Sale board limits

Stricter limitations on the size and in some circumstances, the number of estate agents' boards which may be displayed on residential property are proposed in a consultation paper issued today by the Department of Environment.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for Environment, said in a written reply.

New peer introduced

Lord Bonham Carter, formerly Mr Mark Bonham Carter, the first chairman of the Race Relations Board, 1966-70, and Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, 1971-77, was introduced as a life peer.

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Superpower summit

Reagan conciliatory as preliminary meeting arranged with Moscow

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The stage looks set at last for a superpower summit meeting this year after a tentative agreement for talks in Washington on September 19-20 between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

The private letter was in response to Mr Gorbachov's message of June 23 proposing significant reductions in Moscow's offensive weapons if the US curbed its Strategic Defence Initiative programme.

"devalue" Soviet nuclear missiles by providing a defensive shield against them in space. A fully effective shield is not regarded as technically feasible.

Salt talks reach an abrupt end

Geneva - The US-Soviet talks on the 1979 Salt 2 Treaty wound up abruptly yesterday with a cryptic US communiqué saying that the Russians had rejected Washington's initiative (Alan McGreggor writes).

in establishing "an interim framework of truly mutual restraint pending conclusion of a verifiable agreement on deep and equitable reductions."

Mr Reagan has suggested a delay of five to seven years for deployment in space. Since the US is unlikely to be ready to deploy weapons for at least 10 years, the sides seem extremely close on this issue.

Gorbachov defends arms spending

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday defended the Kremlin's arms spending in a talk with residents of the Far Eastern city of Khabarovsk, Moscow radio said (Reuter reports).

ing. "And however much it costs our people to spend on defence, never, in any place I have been in the Soviet Union, have I heard anyone saying, 'Mikhail Sergeyevich, let's abandon defence and move everything to consumer goods,'" he added.

according to Tass. Mr Gorbachov has also visited the port of Vladivostok, home of the Soviet Pacific fleet, and the submarine-building centre of Komsomol-na-Amure during a trip through the Soviet Far East that began on Friday.



About 100 pilot whales which were stranded after having been beached at the mouth of the Blackwood River, near Augusta in Western Australia, being tended by local people in an effort to help them to refloat themselves.

China hits at Afghan troops plan

From Robert Gieves, Peking

China yesterday all but dismissed the decision of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to withdraw six regiments of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

EEC atom 'silence' attacked

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The nuclear industry was not being open enough about the risk of accidents, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the EEC Commissioner for the Environment and Nuclear Safety, said yesterday.

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Sudanese famine a weapon for both sides

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Hunger is being used as a weapon both by the Sudanese Government and the forces opposing it in the country's guerrilla war, a southern Sudanese representative said here yesterday.

Mr Dhal Aciul Aleu, general secretary of the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (SRRRA), which is linked closely to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), the main guerrilla group, called for a large-scale airlift of relief food to counter the present widespread famine.

He insisted, however, that the relief food must be distributed by his agency after clearance by the SPLA. The Sudan Army must not use any ceasefire to reinforce its positions in the south, he said.

Mr Aleu said that the SPLA was prepared to allow food deliveries if its conditions were met.

Relief agencies say that millions of people in the southern Sudan are starving because of the continuing civil war. Malnutrition, especially among children, is worse than it was in Ethiopia at the height of the 1984 famine.

US rebels 'bought for Surinam'

Washington (Reuter) - Thirteen American mercenaries arrested in New Orleans intended to join rebels in Surinam trying to overthrow the South American country's left-wing military Government, according to Western diplomats and intelligence sources.

Soldiers to die for atrocities

Harare - Four Zimbabwe soldiers were sentenced to death yesterday for the brutal murder of an Ndebele-speaking army lieutenant and three civilians in one of the first cases to prove allegations of security atrocities in the western province of Matabeleland (Jan Raath writes).

They were arrested on Monday by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and US Customs agents on charges of preparing to oust the Surinam Government.

Mr Justice John Manyara said it was clear that the four victims had been abducted, tortured and killed at a remote site in north-western Zimbabwe in February 1983. State evidence said that they had been bayoneted to death.

Gandhi death report blocked

Delhi (AP) - The lower house of Parliament passed a bill blocking the release of a judicial report on the assassination of the former Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

Papers protest

Dhaka - More than 2,000 journalists and press workers marched through Dhaka after a three-hour strike in protest at the closure of the country's oldest English-language daily newspaper, the Bangladesh Observer, and its sister publication Chitrali.

Students held

Santiago (Reuter) - Police said they arrested 100 students who occupied the University of Chile law school in a protest against the military government's intervention in Chilean universities.

Press gang

Warsaw (Reuters) - Police have broken up a gang of printers who earned at least £225,000 in 17 months by producing pirate copies of official Communist Party newspapers on stolen paper in a state-owned printing shop.

Women drown

Seoul (AP) - Twenty-two women drowned when a small boat with 30 people aboard capsized near Kochang, off the west coast of South Korea, 175 miles south of here, the Yonhap News Agency said.

Sea plunge

Copenhagen (AP) - Five Danish nationals in a Cessna 421 en route to Luton died when the aircraft plunged into the North Sea off Denmark's west coast.

Heater query in singer's plane crash

Washington (AP) - A report on the plane crash that killed Rick Nelson, the singer, and six other people on New Year's Eve centres on a cabin heater and does not mention earlier speculation that cocaine may have been the cause of a fire which led to the crash.

Senate on air

Washington (Reuter) - The US Senate voted 78-21 to continue televising its daily proceedings permanently.

Tock tick

Lausanne (AFP) - A Swiss watchmaker plans to market a watch that goes backwards, mainly for the US market.

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and did not amount to "a hastily conceived public relations exercise". Public anxiety had to be allayed, and the public in Europe did not want to be patronized. "The law of silence has got to end," he said.

Mr Clinton Davis said that decision-making on nuclear matters was too cumbersome, that basic safety standards enshrined in the Euratom Treaty of 1959 had not kept pace with technology, and that the trans-frontier impact of nuclear leaks was underestimated.

"This cannot go on," he said. "Chernobyl shows that in effect the whole population of the EEC lives in the vicinity of a nuclear installation."

He proposed to set up a standing conference on nuclear matters next year to enable people to gain an understanding of complex nuclear issues.

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Argentina and Brazil sign accords for a 'mini common market'

From A Correspondent, Buenos Aires

Argentina and Brazil have finalized their intention to 'grow together' by signing accords for economic integration and co-operation. President Alfonsín of Argentina and President Sarney of Brazil were joined on Tuesday evening by President Sanguinetti of Uruguay for the ceremony. Uruguay's entry into the enthusiastic supporters of a 'mini common market' is being studied and participation is expected to be arranged within 90 days. The accords, which will go into effect on January 1, 1987, are being seen as the opening of a long process of increased economic ties that, if successful, include all Latin America in a true common market.

The accords are the initiative of the new democracies, built on notions of mutual assistance rather than the political rivalry integral to the thinking of previous military governments.

Shared problems also have led the stage for the accords, as Brazil and Argentina are the second and third nations ranked as debtors, and both are

afraid of increasing protectionist trade moves in the industrialized countries.

Speaking to the Argentine Congress before the signing, President Sarney said: "We have come to the conclusion that, isolated, our countries can do little or nothing to change the world order."

The most detailed protocols have to do with initial steps toward integration in the capital goods sector, an agreement by Brazil to increase grain purchases over the next four years, and the establishment of mechanisms for creating stocks of foodstuffs as a means of helping to control supply and pricing in the two countries which have long histories of inflation.

Growing caution on the part of the Argentine private sector delayed the elaboration of the list of capital goods products to be treated equally in both countries. The list is expected to be ready by the end of the year as assurances from economic authorities have calmed Argentine businessmen's fears of being overcome by their more dynamic Brazilian counterparts.

The protocols also included an agreement to set up means for immediate communication and assistance in the event of a nuclear accident.

Other clauses provide mechanisms to balance trade when disequilibria occur, to establish co-operation in biotechnology, to study policies for import duties for third countries, to set up commissions to study the exchange of technology, increasing trade and other potential areas of co-operation.

Businessmen are not the only group in Argentina to express concern over the agreements. The General Confederation of Labour in a statement criticized the trade accords for lacking a "social sense and a defence of labour".

The differential in wage scales between Argentina and Brazil, where pay is reported to be 20 to 30 per cent lower, has worried unions in Argentina which fear an effort to depress their earnings.

Some Brazilian businessmen also fear that workers there will try to catch up with their southern neighbours.

Children killed in Contra bomb raid

Managua (Reuter) - Five children were killed and 20 others were wounded when Contra rebels attacked a village in northern Nicaragua on Tuesday. Government radio reported.

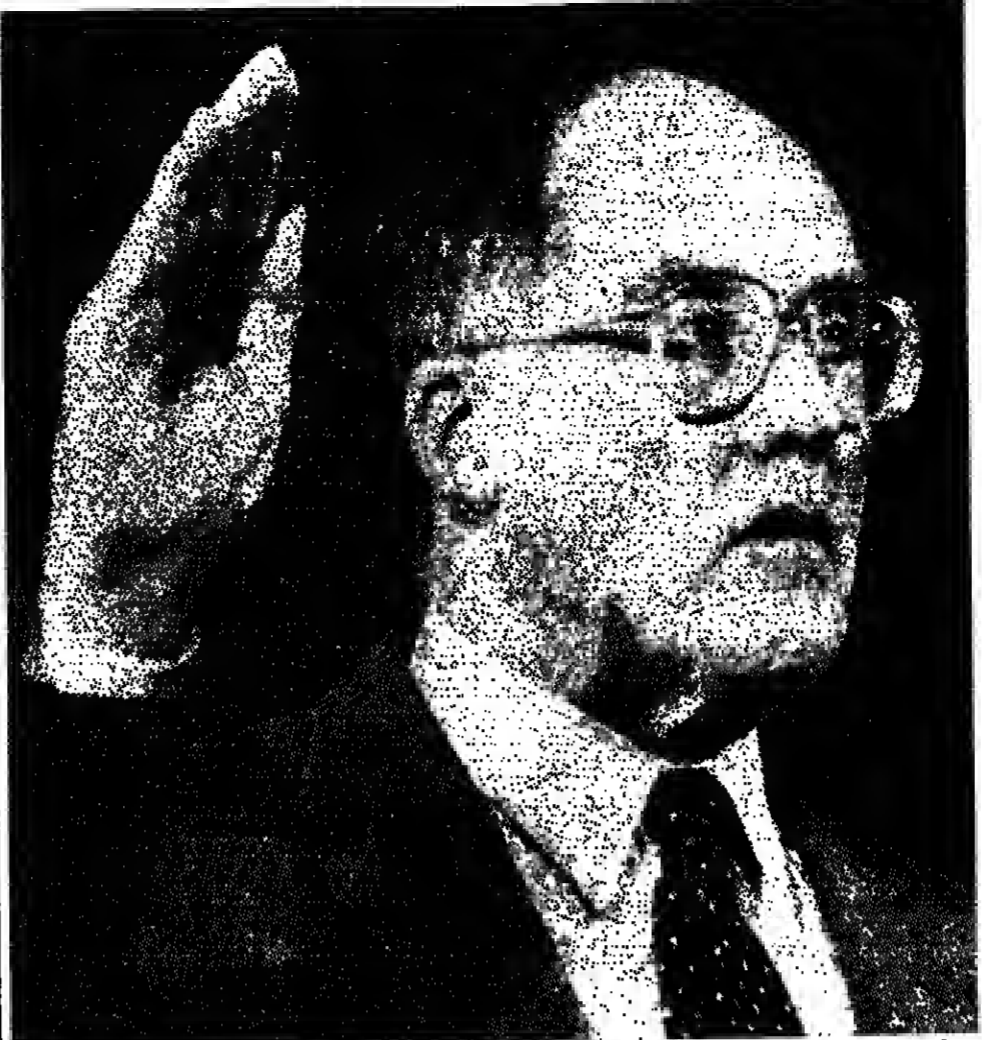
The official Radio Sandino said that four children and a woman were killed when the rebels, who are backed by the United States, fired missiles at the village of Qanali,

150 miles north of Managua in the province of Nueva Segovia. No details are available.

Meanwhile, some 200 foreign volunteer workers and left-wing opposition MPs gathered outside the US Embassy here to protest against the deaths on Monday of five people, including three Europeans, in a rebel ambush on a northern Nicaraguan road. "We demand an end to US

support for the mercenaries", a spokesman for the protesters said. "They murder innocent people."

The three Europeans killed - Herr Bernhard Kalberstein of West Germany, Mr Ivan Leyvraz of Switzerland, and M Joel Fleux, a Frenchman with Nicaraguan citizenship - have been buried in the provincial capital of Matagalpa, 70 miles from Managua.



Justice William Rehnquist, nominated as the next US Chief Justice, being sworn in before giving testimony to a largely hostile Senate judiciary committee in Washington.

Next Chief Justice under Senate siege

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Justice William Rehnquist, nominated by President Reagan as America's next Chief Justice, listened stone-faced yesterday as he was criticised at a grueling Senate hearing for his "extreme" views on race, the poor, rights for women and freedom of speech.

The appointment, making him one of the most powerful men in the US, is expected to be confirmed soon.

But the hearings are giving Democrats a platform to attack President Reagan's phenomenal success in changing the ideological face of America's judiciary. Only conservatives can expect to reach the Federal bench; by the end of Mr Reagan's term, half of the Federal judges will be his nominees.

The ideological tilt will be advanced dramatically by Justice Rehnquist's accession.

But the ultimate prize is to pull the nine-member Supreme Court away from its slight liberal inclination. With another one or two changes, Mr Reagan could bring about a reversal of the court's landmark 1974 Roe v Wade decision to legalize abortion.

Senator Alan Simpson, a Republican from Wyoming, told Mr Rehnquist that the hearings would be "like riding a Brahmin bull". He told him to expect "joke facts, nastiness, hype, hoorah, maybe a little bit of hysteria. Be ready to hear that you are a racist, an extremist - which has been suggested time and time again - a trampler of the poor, a sexist, an unwell man, a crazed young law clerk..."

The opening session on Tuesday was seized on by

Senator Edward Kennedy to attack Mr Rehnquist as "too extreme to be Chief Justice".

He said: "Mainstream or too extreme, that is the question. By his own record of massive isolated dissent, Justice Rehnquist answers that question - he is too extreme on race, too extreme on freedom of speech, too extreme on separation of Church and state."

Other senators defended Mr Rehnquist vigorously, praising his intellectual ability and judicial record in lavish terms. The battle is essentially ideological, but is clearly going to be manifested in deeply personal terms.

In particular, Mr Rehnquist will be challenged about a series of memoranda on racial issues that he wrote as a Supreme Court clerk in 1952; his role as a Republican activist in charge of "ballot security programmes in Phoenix in the early 1960s; and his truthfulness about those matters when they were first raised during 1971 confirmation hearings when he was nominated as a judge.

Senator Kennedy said that had Mr Rehnquist been chief justice in the critical years since the Second World War, "the schools of America would still be segregated, millions of citizens would be denied the right to vote, women would be condemned to the status of second-class Americans, court houses would be closed to individual challengers against police brutality and executive abuse - closed even to the press. Government would embrace religion and the wall of separation between Church and state would be in ruins."

Buttock-baring at the Queen results in fines

Wellington (Reuter) - A man and three women who bared their buttocks at the Queen when she toured New Zealand were each fined \$NZ100 (£36) yesterday.

A Christchurch court heard that Joseph Davies, aged 32, Ruth Gray, aged 21, Suzanne Le Robins, 21, and Rita Simmonds, 33, bared their buttocks as the Queen drove by during her visit on March 1.

The protests, a traditional Maori insult, were not seen by the Queen, royal aides said.

Belgian civil servants face cuts in sick leave

Brussels (Reuter) - The Belgian Government is to be asked to change its rules on sick leave for civil servants, but even if the reforms go through some officials will still have the right to a year off at full pay.

M Charles Ferdinand Notomb, Minister in charge of the civil service, believes that some workers are abusing the system that gives them the right to 30 days a year off sick without loss of pay, and credits them with any "sick days" not taken. M Notomb said that at the age of 50, some public servants had accumulated "illness capital" of 630 days. "The 30-day-a-year allowance has come to be considered a right. We must remedy it," he said.

Under his proposals, which go to Cabinet this week, accumulation of sick leave would be limited to 280 days for 40-year-olds and 327 days for 50-year-olds. A current 365-day maximum would remain for those over 60.

France and Spain discuss Eta terror

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, arrived here yesterday for discussions with his Spanish counterpart, Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez, focusing on the Basque terrorist problem and the fishing dispute between the two countries in the Bay of Biscay.

The groundwork for a good reception, of which French foreign ministers cannot always be assured, had been prepared by the Basque Government's increased collaboration with Madrid in the fight against the Eta separatists.

This has led to the summary extradition of three alleged members of Eta's military wing who had been living in south-west France under anti-terrorism laws. They are now being interrogated by Spanish police.

M Raimond's brief visit - he was due to return to Paris the same night - was not, however, expected to go into details of the further cooperation Madrid hopes to secure, because the nations' interior ministers are due to meet here next week.

The Basque autonomous government expressed its disappointment yesterday that none of the April recommendations of an international commission of experts, headed by Sir Clive Rose, of Britain, for solving the problem of Eta terrorism, has yet been implemented by Madrid.

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Five held after raid on French Basque group

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Five people were still being detained last night after police on Tuesday raided the homes in south-western France of suspected sympathizers of the French Basque separatist organization, Iparretarak. It was the highest operation against the organization since its foundation in 1973.

Four of the five are expected to be charged today. Two others were arrested but later released without being charged. Six of the seven originally held were French and the other Spanish.

Iparretarak has claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack on Friday against a law court in Bayonne in which a policeman was shot in an arm and eye.

The organization is also believed to have been responsible for a bank robbery last week in Biarritz when 500,000 francs (nearly £50,000) was stolen.

The swoop has increased the climate of fear in the French Basque country created by the "get-tough" attitude of the new right-wing Government toward the separatist movement. Over the past fortnight three Spanish Basque refugees living in France have been expelled to Spain, sending many other Spanish Basque militants underground.

The Committee for the Protection of the Right of Asylum, an umbrella organization for four French associations concerned with human rights and civil liberties, protested yesterday against the expulsions, insisting that they were not justified and claiming that they exposed those concerned to grave risks at the hands of Spanish police.

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The judge had no comments to make on the case.

Bush hopeful for early end to Egypt-Israel border dispute

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

With messages to King Husain of Jordan and President Mubarak of Egypt in his pocket, Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, left here yesterday evening for Amman on the second stage of his Middle Eastern tour. He would give no details of what the messages were, beyond saying that they contained plenty to talk about although no new proposals. He stressed the importance of the US now placed on reaching an agreement between Israel and Egypt on their outstanding border dispute.

"It's getting close to getting resolved," he said. "If my visit can be a catalyst for the signing of that agreement, so much the better. But the main thing is that it gets done." Negotiators from the two countries, helped by American experts, continue work on the dispute today and tomorrow. According to Israeli sources there is a good possibility of an agreement being ready for initialling in Cairo early next week. This would need to be approved by both governments before it could be formally signed. Mr Bush was undismayed



Mr George Bush and Mr Shimon Peres, right, after their meeting in the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem yesterday.

Freed hostage takes message to Pope

Rome (AP, Reuter) — The Rev Lawrence Jenco delivered a message to the Pope yesterday from the Muslim zealot who held him captive for nearly 19 months, and said that "the religious factor" was important in securing the release of other hostages in Lebanon.

Father Jenco, aged 51, said he would deliver the same message to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, today. He also had a message for President Reagan. "The religious factor is of great importance in this matter," Looking tired after his ordeal at the hands of the Islamic Jihad, he said he could not reveal what his captors wanted to communicate to the Pope.

A Vatican spokesman said that Father Jenco, who was ordained in Rome in 1959, was accompanied to the "private" audience by Mr Terry Waite, Dr Runcie's special envoy, and 12 relatives. He urged reporters to pray for the release of the Americans still held captive. He had shared a cell for a year with four hostages — Terry Anderson, an Associated Press journalist; Mr David Jacobson, director of the American Hospital in Beirut; Mr Thomas Sutherland, an agricultural expert at the American Uni-

versity; and the Rev Thomas Weir, a Presbyterian minister. Mr Reagan will meet Father Jenco in the Oval Office tomorrow, the White House announced (LPI reports). BOSTON: Mrs Peggy Say, sister of Mr Anderson, said she is more afraid for his life after talking to Father Jenco. The captives, he told her, "are given the basic necessities of life and those are basic" (AP reports).

Austrian in challenge to German atom plant

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

An Austrian farmer living close to the controversial West German nuclear power station at Wackersdorf is to take the German nuclear power industry to court in an attempt to stop the station being brought into use. He is supported by an environmental movement calling itself "Austrians Against Wackersdorf" which hopes that the Austrian court will rule against the West German project on the grounds that Austrians living near the Bavarian frontier, a few miles from Wackersdorf, were not consulted in accordance with West German law.

£950,000 reward for capture of terrorists

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The highest reward in West German history — three million marks (about £950,000) — was announced yesterday for what police described as "the decisive tip" leading to the arrest and conviction of the terrorists who murdered the Director of the Siemens company, Herr Karl-Heinz Beckurts, and his driver, Herr Eckerhard Groppler, in a Munich suburb on July 9.

Half the money would come from public funds; the rest from industry sources including, it is understood, many companies whose executives names — like that of Herr Beckurts — were on "death lists" or other documents found in raids on flats occupied by terrorists.

The reward was agreed by Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Minister of the Interior. Police say that they have received about 1,700 tips from the public in the hunt for the killers, but so far they have no significant clues.

Responsibility for the attack — a remote-controlled bomb fixed to a tree which destroyed Herr Beckurts's car as it passed — was claimed by the Red Army Faction, which has emerged as West Germany's leading terrorist group, although police believe it has hard core of only about 25.

US accused of bullying Iceland over whaling

Reykjavik (Reuter) — A dispute over whaling has strained the cordial relations between Iceland and the United States, with Reykjavik accusing Washington of bullying tactics.

The Icelandic Prime Minister, Mr Steingrimur Hermannsson, accused the US on Tuesday of having used "intolerable methods of coercion" to force the nation to abandon a hunt for whales for scientific purposes.

He produced official documents which he said proved that Washington was threatening to boycott Iceland's fish products unless a hunt for this

year's scientific quota of 80 fin whales and 40 sci whales was halted. He said the US threat had forced him on Monday to call a halt several weeks early to this season's hunt.

The United States, which has denied the Icelandic boycott claims repeatedly, takes 30 per cent of Iceland's fish sales. In Washington, officials denied that sanctions had been threatened.

The US Ambassador to Iceland, Mr Nicholas Ruwe, was summoned for talks with Mr Hermannsson on Tuesday, but the Prime Minister stopped short of a formal protest.

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Cheque holder for value under Act

MacKenzie Mills v Buono Before Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Stocker (Judgment delivered July 10)

The fact that the holder of a cheque had received it as indorsee from the payee in payment of an antecedent debt smaller than the amount of the cheque did not prevent him from being the holder for value in due course of the whole cheque for the purposes of section 29(1) of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882. The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Franco Buono, from an order of Sir Neil Lawson who, sitting as a High Court judge on October 10, 1985, had dismissed his appeal from an order of Master Lubbock who had given summary judgment for the plaintiff solicitors, MacKenzie Mills, in an action on a cheque for £3,714 drawn by the defendant and indorsed to the plaintiff by the payee.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the payee had owed the plaintiff about £500 in respect of continuing costs in litigation between it and the defendant when it had indorsed the cheque to it, and it had been clear that further, as then unascertained, liability to the plaintiff for such costs would be incurred by the payee.

The cheque had been negotiated to the plaintiff and therefore section 27(3) of the 1882 Act did not apply so as to render the plaintiff holder for value only in respect of the £500 odd which the payee had owed to it.

The defendant had argued that since he had drawn the cheque in favour of the payee in anticipation of payment for goods which had never been delivered, the payee had not given value for the cheque and that therefore the plaintiff could not claim to be deemed by section 27(2) to be a holder for value.

Although in proceedings on the cheque between the payee and the defendant, the defendant might be able to say that consideration had wholly failed, at the time when the cheque had been drawn valuable consideration had been given for it, since it had been given in part payment in anticipation of the receipt of goods. It followed that the plaintiff was deemed by section 27(2) to be a holder of the cheque for value.

If that were wrong, the plaintiff had in any event taken the cheque for value from the payee, that is, as payment of the existing debt and in anticipation of future debts. The defendant conceded that the other conditions in section 29(1) were fulfilled, and therefore the plaintiff was the holder for value in due course of the cheque under that section.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed. Solicitors: Sidney Torrance & Co for McCormick Castle & Co, Leeds; MacKenzie Mills.

Section 27 of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 provides: "(1) Valuable consideration for a bill may be constituted by — (a) any consideration sufficient to support a simple contract; (b) any antecedent debt or liability. (2) Where value has at any time been given for a bill the holder is deemed to be a holder for value as regards the acceptor and all parties to the bill who became parties prior to such time. (3) Where the holder of a bill has a lien on it... he is deemed to be a holder to the extent of the sum for which he has a lien."

Section 29(1) provides: "A holder in due course is a holder who has taken a bill complete and regular on the face of it, under the following conditions: — (b) that he took the bill in good faith and for value..."

Mr Matthew Caswell for the defendant; Mr Antonio Buono for the plaintiff.

Without prejudice rule not limited to offers

South Shropshire District Council v Amos

The rule which excluded from evidence documents marked "without prejudice" was not limited to documents which were offers, it attached to those which were so marked and formed part of negotiations, whether or not they were themselves offers, unless the privilege was defeated on some other ground.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Balcombe) so stated on July 25 when giving reasons for allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Lionel Amos, from an order made in chambers on January 21, 1986, by Mr Justice Gatehouse.

The judge had ordered that two documents prepared by Mr Amos's surveyors in connection with his claim under section 170(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 for

compensation arising from a discontinuance of business use order made by the plaintiffs, South Shropshire District Council, should be admitted in evidence on the hearing of Mr Amos's notice of reference to the Lands Tribunal. Those documents were headed "without prejudice" and were written during the early stages of negotiations for compensation.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in order to avoid any possibility of future unnecessary disputes about such matters the court would state that the heading "without prejudice" did not conclusively document so called "without prejudice" documents; that, if privilege was claimed but challenged, the court could look at a document so headed in order to determine its nature, and that privilege could attach to a document headed "without prejudice" even if it was an opening shot in negotiations.

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Chief Justice enate siege

Senator Edward Kennedy attacked Mr Reagan's extreme to be Chief Justice.

He said: "Mainstream opinion is that the Rehnquist appointment is an extreme, an extreme in the separation of powers, in the separation of Church and State."

Other senators defended Rehnquist's appointment, saying it was a Republican move to balance the Democratic programmes in President Carter's 1976-80 term.

Senator Kennedy said he had written a series of memoranda on the subject to the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1981, warning of the dangers of a Republican move to appoint Rehnquist to the Supreme Court.

and Spain Eta terror

Madrid

ETA terrorists have been active in the Basque region of northern Spain, with several attacks on public buildings and transport.

The Basque Country has been a hotbed of separatist activity, with ETA claiming responsibility for numerous acts of violence.

after raid on basque group

Basque Country

Following a raid on a group of Basque separatists, police have uncovered a network of support for ETA activities.

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THE NATIONAL GALLERY

It was his handiwork of the competition for the design of its new extension that first won the National Gallery a reputation for getting into well-meaning public muds. It has now followed that by making what one gallery owner calls "a complete Haywood" of its appointment of a new director to succeed Sir Michael Levey, who is retiring.

Having alarmed the London art world and bruised the egos of the British candidates by encouraging an American to apply, and choosing him for the job, the National offered the indignity of being told by their prized import that he didn't want the £37,000 a year post (which, being a Civil Service appointment, comes with instrumental holidays and pension rights).

Edmund "Ted" Pillsbury was apparently "sickened by the anti-Americanism" which his appointment had aroused. The selection board had to take another look at the second-best on the short list, who had already had letters telling them they had not got the job.

Rothschild's new choice, announced late yesterday, is 40-year-old Neil MacGregor, a former lecturer in the history of art and rehitologue who is currently editing *The Burlington Magazine*, the scholarly fine art publication founded by Roger Fry in 1903, currently celebrating its twentieth issue. The board is said to have been impressed by his fluent, original ideas about the future of the gallery. His qualities will be familiar to the current management for Sir Michael Levey serves in the magazine's consultative committee.

But what persuaded Jacob Rothschild, chairman of the gallery's trustees, to look to America for his choice in the first place? Is there something going on in the American gallery and museum world which can breathe life back into

our own venerable institution? Answering that question involves looking at exactly what the National Gallery is there for.

The traditional view is that it should be simply a place where masterpieces are displayed and preserved, a resort of quiet, spiritual recreation; a place, as Aldous Huxley put it, to view "Old Masters and Young Mistresses".

Another view is that it should play a louder and more active part, with special educational exhibitions, video aids, lectures and entertaining jamborees aimed at bringing art to the public and bringing art to the people. At this, members of the London art establishment have been seen to raise their eyes in horror. "That sort of thing is all very well for America", one said, "where 90 per cent of the museums and art galleries have to pay their own way, without state or federal funding."

That sort of thing, however, is



Top job going begging: but some say that Jacob Rothschild, chairman of the National's trustees, will see the new director as his own assistant

also very much alive in Britain, particularly in the provinces. Julian Spalding, the 38-year-old director of Manchester Art Gallery and believed to have been a candidate for the National job, is one of the leaders of this "populist" school. In Manchester he is even running an art leading library for local people.

Under Sir Michael Levey, the National Gallery has also in recent years made a few gestures towards

"populism". He appointed a Curator of Education, Alistair Smith, a man in his early forties who rides in every day from Walthamstow on his motor bike. Rumour has it that one of the daily events at the National Gallery is the sight of Smith divesting himself of his leathers to the office and emerging, like a mayfly from its nymph, in the sober good taste of an art administrator.

Among the changes fostered by his department was the appoint-

ment of regular "artists in residence", the National being among the first galleries to do this. There have also been regular "Artist's Eye" exhibitions, in which well known contemporary painters like David Hockney, Howard Hodgkin, and Francis Bacon have been lured into the gallery to select their favourite pictures from the collection, providing an explanation for their choices and adding a few examples of their own work. There are also

occasional educational exhibitions, taking one aspect of a painter or school and illustrating it with work from the collection.

This teaching role is, in fact, rooted in the founding of the gallery, when Sir George Beaumont, an English private collector, offered his Old Masters to the nation in 1823 if a suitable building could be found to house them. He believed that "by easy access to such works of art the public taste might improve".



CHRONOLOGY

- 1823: Sir George Beaumont offers small collection of Old Masters to the nation "if suitable building found"
- 1838: National Gallery, designed by William Wilkins on present Trafalgar Square site, opened to public
- 1855: Sir Charles Eastlake appointed first director. First annual purchase grant of £10,000 voted by Parliament
- 1934: Sir Kenneth Clark (later Lord Clark) director
- 1940: Paintings moved to Welsh quarry for safe keeping
- 1941: Bomb destroys one room
- 1960: Chancellor Heathcoat Amery opens discussions on new west extension
- 1980: First attempt to raise private cash fails
- 1982: Architectural competition held for new extension combining gallery and office block
- 1983: Firm of Ahrends, Burton and Koralek chosen as architects but told to change their design
- 1984: Amended design called a "monstrous cartuncle" by Prince Charles. Planning permission refused
- 1985: Sainsbury family gives £25 million to finance extension. John Paul Getty Jr gives £50 million to purchasing fund
- 1986: Sir Michael Levey announces retirement in January next year. Search for successor begins

Sir Michael Levey was an ideal man to ease the gallery gently in this direction (visitors topped three million for the first time last

year). He is not just a populist: he is also an art historian with an unimpeachable academic background, who was able to develop the gallery without committing it totally to either role. But gallery directors are finally judged by what they have bought. He was also an expert at that. "It's a terrible thing to say," he confessed once, "but I find it great fun, thrashing out a deal."

Deals he has thrashed out recently have brought in paintings by Matisse and Picasso, which marks a departure for the National. The gallery had previously left such modern paintings to the Tate.

So who will now be picked to follow him? And are we about to see a change of direction towards more "entertainment" in the American style, and perhaps an admission charge, something Sir Michael always resisted?

One certain thing is that whoever arrives will have a massive job on his or her hands. There is said to be a degree of friction among the senior staff, for one thing. "Whoever comes will have to be strong enough to knock their heads together", one insider says.

The gallery is on the edge of a busy and fascinating period. Thanks to the generosity of the Sainsbury family, the new extension can now go ahead. There is no longer any need for it to be combined with an office development to raise the cash, a compromise that "dogged" the old scheme (which the Prince of Wales called a "monstrous cartuncle"). This will provide a chance for the reorganization of the gallery's whole hanging scheme upon which judgement can vary from "a bit higgledy-piggledy" to "a mess".

Money has always been a problem. As the appearance of real masterpieces on the market becomes rare and prices have risen so the National Gallery, with its government purchasing grant of less than £3 million, has found it increasingly difficult to compete with institutions like the Getty Museum of Florida, which has an annual £25 million to spend.

It is noteworthy that Ted Pillsbury's Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, enjoys the second largest purchasing fund after the Getty. It was said to be his aggressive art buying that first attracted him to Jacob Rothschild (they met when Rothschild visited the Fort Worth gallery looking for architectural ideas for the new National Gallery extension).

At the National the position is now a little better, since the magnificent recent gift of £50 million by Getty. But a National Gallery director working on a relatively tight budget must carry the kind of weight which will encourage people either to help him out with donations or steer pictures his way for sale by "private treaty" rather than putting them on the open market.

The replacement last year of the scholarly Lord Annan by the wheeler-dealing Jacob Rothschild as chairman of the trustees will certainly provide the new director with support in this department. He let it be known that he favoured someone whose mind was "uncluttered" by preconceived notions of how to administer a British gallery. One matter of speculation is how active a role Rothschild intends to play in the new regime. It has been suggested that he will see the director as his own super-assistant.

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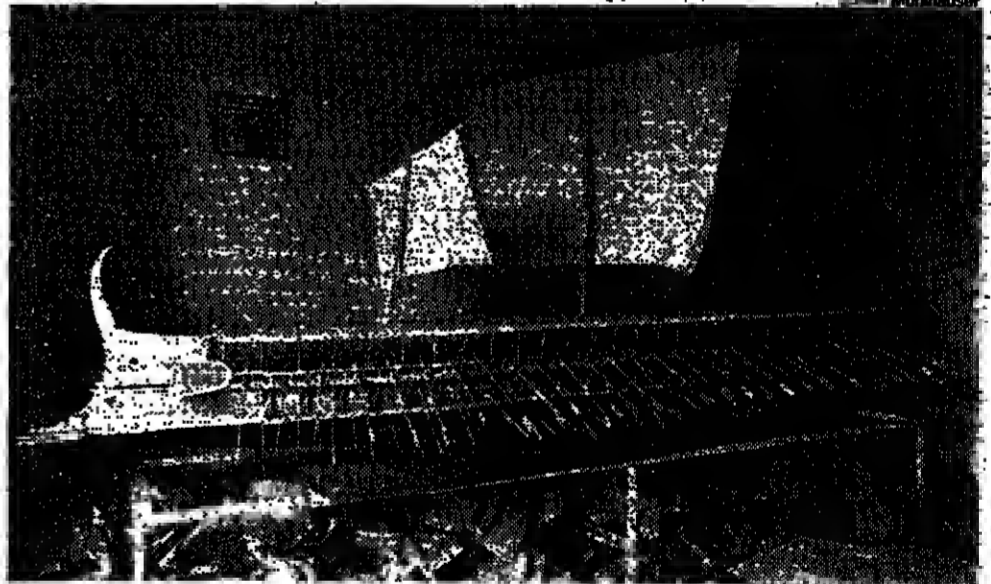
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Return of a Greek legend

How the trireme, the ramming ship that gave Athens naval supremacy 2,500 years ago, is being rebuilt



The graceful outline of an ancient Greek trireme has begun to take shape behind a makeshift shed of corrugated iron sheets in a yard near Piraeus. Greek shipwrights, working out of elaborate British designs, are moulding a copy of the 120-foot fighting ship which gave Athens its naval supremacy in classical times.

Dimetri Tzikakos's shipyard in Perama is barely a stone's throw from the Straits of Salamis where the Greeks, using triremes, defeated the superior Persian fleet in 480 BC.

The building of the trireme, which began in July last year, is an Anglo-Greek venture. The Greek Navy is spending about £400,000 to foot the bill, while Britain's "Trireme Trust" has contributed blueprints and specifications. These were prepared by John Coates, one-time chief naval architect in the Ministry of Defence, based on research by Professor John Morrison, a past president of Wolfson College, Cambridge.

Commander Stavros Platis, one of the two American-trained naval architects of the Greek Navy assigned to the project, hopes that the trireme will be ready for launching in September. Little was known about the construction, largely because no complete trireme has ever been found. The only part of a contemporary warship retrieved is a bronze ram found in Athlit, near Haifa.

Historians say that the sleek, shallow warships were fast and highly manoeuvrable. They had a mast, a square main sail and a smaller sail fore. But according to Xenophon's descriptions, both were left behind when the triremes went into battle, where they would ram and sink the enemy ships under the power of 170 professional oarsmen.

Arguments about the trireme's speed, the length of oars and the deployment of oarsmen stimulated a long and heated debate in the

columns of *The Times* in 1975. That led to the idea of building a working copy, and the present experiment is likely to provide the answers.

At Perama, the builders have joined together the planks and the keel by small wooden slats sunk into chiselled cuttings and pined with wooden pegs. The planks are Oregon pine, the keel of African iroko wood which resists erosion, and the pegs, 25,000 of them, are of oak.

The dimensions were established by measurements made at the end of the last century in the excavated shipyards of Piraeus. The Perama trireme is 120ft 10in long and 17ft 11in wide with a 6ft 8in freeboard. The 200 oars, ordered in Oregon, are 13ft 9in with the shorter ones 13ft 2in long. Fully loaded with 170 oarsmen, 30 crew and gear, it should weigh 48 tonnes.

The trireme's record for long-distance travel was book three of his history of the Peloponnesian War. The Athenians, having had second thoughts on a decision to kill all the inhabitants of Mytilene on the island of Lesbos after a revolt, dispatched a trireme to catch up with the ship sent 24 hours earlier with the execution order.

Its oarsmen were fed with cakes of barley mixed with olive oil and wine while they rowed, and took turns to sleep. The trireme reached the island, 190 miles away, just in time to avert a massacre. Coates calculates that the

trireme covered the distance at an average speed of 7.5 knots an hour. "We want to obtain as much information as possible on its performance in battle and its ability to go on longer voyages," Morrison said.

How fast could a trireme go? A one-tenth model was tested in a water tank at the Technical University of Athens and the findings fed into a computer. "It came up with a staggering ramming speed of 10 knots an hour", Platis said.

Morrison and Coates hope to be closely associated with

the sea trials of the trireme in the Aegean. "We want to obtain as much information as possible on its performance in battle and its ability to go on longer voyages," Morrison said.

"In the battle of Salamis, the Persian ships were higher in the water and therefore difficult to manoeuvre in a wind. The triremes went at them like modern guided missiles and won."

Mario Modiano

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BOOKS

Empty life of inhuman icon

At the height of his terror, Joseph Stalin arranged for soldiers to guard his mother...

Peter Ackroyd reviews the biography of Joe the Terrible

STALIN AND THE SHAPING OF THE SOVIET UNION By Alex de Jonge Collins, £17.50

curious emptiness, allied with an odd theatricality (this is characteristic of many "great" men).

At least a psychological portrait would be possible, therefore, and de Jonge's account of Stalin's childhood provides most of the necessary clues...



from revolutionary and quondam criminal to Lenin's bureaucrat and then Lenin's successor; but he never forgets that Stalin's role was to create a society realizing "the social and political lines of force that had been present in Russia for centuries"...

he was a tyrant. He was a popular one, and de Jonge sees Stalin's rule as "the logical culmination of the Russian political tradition."

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In fact de Jonge is sometimes more interesting on the country than on its ruler. He explains, cogently, that "The Soviet style of government is to be explained by the ambitions of a superpower obliged to rely on a people without a work ethic"...

So this book has solid virtues, but in the end, it cannot be said to be altogether satisfactory. De Jonge is the biographer as raconteur; this is not to say that he lacks scholarship...

But the problem is larger than this: Stalin still radiates "a chilling and mythic presence", as de Jonge puts it. He has become an icon, in other words; and conventional biography cannot really deal with such a transformation...

The impression I got from reading this outstanding biography is that G.K. Chesterton, extrovert and joyous drinking companion, was unhappy. His vast consumption of food and drink, which turned him from a tall, slim youth into what Malcolm Muggeridge, when he met him in his last years, described as a balloon...

The Case of the jolly Balloon

Woodrow Wyatt

G.K. CHESTERTON By Michael Finch (Picador, £16)

Irish priest from Yorkshire called O'Connor. Chesterton tramped over the hills with him talking and talking, until it came to him that there was a man who would make a perfect model for a detective of morals as well as crime.

"The trouble with the journalist", G.K. wrote, "is that he has to work as hard as a millionaire while he hates work as heartily as a mystic. It is a dangerous trade to be at once lazy and busy."

It was Father Brown who converted G.K. to Roman Catholicism to the distress of his wife. Father Brown was an

Cool Pym's Number Seven

If you feel like treating yourself to the latest novels to read on the beach, this I fear is not the week to do it. On the whole, this is a dismal bunch.

- FICTION Isabel Raphael THE BAKER PAPERS By Edward Hawke Secker & Warburg, £9.95 MISSING PERSONS By David Cook Alison Press/Secker & Warburg, £9.95 ONLY BY MISTAKE By P.J. Kavanagh John Calder, £9.95 AN ACADEMIC QUESTION By Barbara Pym Macmillan, £9.95 VIDA By Delacorte Viking, £9.95

passionless. It treats of an Irish actor who has peripheral connections with the IRA and carelessly falls foul of them. Neither his acting roles nor his two marriages have taken Doug Kerr far beneath the surface of relationships, and when he finds himself on the run even his fear seems half-hearted.

grips with him. This highlights the futility of the deaths he causes; it also disciplines one to believe in Kerr's gesture in leaving the easy avenues of success for a chance to learn about reality. Kavanagh is predictably strong on description, surprisingly banal in dialogue. The absence of magnetism and tension makes this a sad little tale, a postscript to life, not a chapter in it.

Red noses, teddies, vroom-vroom and heads with no bodies for fun

When Allan Ahlberg and Colin McNaughton published the first of their "Red Nose Readers" last autumn (Walker Books, eight titles at £1.95 each), they were thinking of clowns rather than strong flavors. Intoxication of a sort can follow though, since children fortunate enough to encounter this dotty reading scheme have been found banging on the bookcase and shouting for more.

levels", but they haven't got in the way of free-running imaginative ideas. The double-comedy act of words and pictures is what counts. Having, invidiously, to choose favourites from this excellent series I would name Sarah Hayes's This is the Bear from the simpler (yellow-back) group - a rhyming saga with echoes of "The House that Jack Built" about hunting for a lost teddy-bear in a rubbish-tip, merrily illustrated by Helen Craig. And from the slightly less simple (red-back) group I would choose Charlotte Voake's Tom's Cat, which is another hunt-the-animal story, with surprises as you turn each page and much mouthing of incantations, like "chatter-chatter" and "vroom-vroom".

The civilized business of putting stories first and reading levels second can also be seen in the "Cartwheels" series, which rolled out at about the same time as "Red Nose", but with rather less panache. Four new titles have now appeared (Hansish Hamilton, £2.95 each) - including an

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Before the war and the revolution that swept away the old world, the children spoke English, brought up by governesses in a feudal way of life that did not ignore the necessities of noblesse oblige. The young girl is ambitious, and wants to be a doctor - unheard of in her family. She is also desperately in love with her Polish cousin Stefan, old Etonian, and on the way to Oxford. What follows is dreadfully familiar, from history - the war, the sudden descent into poverty and fear, the desperate schemes for escape threatened on every side, protected by the few remaining old servants, and the additional peril of being a close friend of the Royal family. A marriage of convenience (on her side) brings a new kind of family life in Paris, where she can work for her fellow Russians. The author knows the background well - her father was a music tutor to the Tsar's nephews - but the earnest Tatyana with her thirst for knowledge lacks sparkle. It is the old servants, the nurse Nyanya, and

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MR DAVID COOPER No madness in the method

Mr David Cooper, the controversial advocate of "anti-psychiatry" and a radical critic of established psychiatric theory and practice, died suddenly in Paris on July 29. He was 55.

Born in Cape Town in 1931, Cooper studied medicine in South Africa, graduating from the University of Cape Town. He then moved to London where he held a series of hospital posts and directed the experimental unit for young schizophrenics.

It was while in London that he met Dr R. D. Laing, and together they led a school of thought which flew in the face of orthodox psychiatry.

Here, in "anti-families" people learned to live together in a group of individual rooms with their own cooking arrangements and maintaining their own autonomy.

The trend had its heyday during the 1960s with Cooper in the role of a self-created guru and, despite arousing the wrath of orthodox psychiatrists, finding a devout following among young intellectuals.

But the difficulty of surviving outside society was too much for most of the guru's followers.

Cooper published a number of books: Reason and Violence, which he wrote with Laing; Psychiatry and Anti-Psychiatry; The Death of the Family; The Grammar of the Scaffold; and The Language of Madness. He also edited Dialectics of Liberation.

In The Language of Madness, Cooper expounds the view that madness is a state of super-sanity, and that it is the so-called sane who are in fact mad.

Cooper was a member of the Communist Party and was simply protesting against the capitalist ethic. Consistently with this view, Cooper was outspoken in his condemnation of institutional psychiatry.

Mr Gordon Mills: the pop music manager whose business acumen propelled Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck to fame, died in Los Angeles on July 29. He was 51.

Like Tom Jones, perhaps his greatest promotional success, Mills himself came from a Welsh valleys background. He was born and brought up in the Rhondda where his father was a carpenter.

Mills had himself written Jones's first hit "It's Not Unusual" which gave the singer his first real break in 1964.

Leaving school at 15, he worked first as an apprentice motor mechanic, though he soon got the sack. Further brief periods as a variously factory worker, miner and bus conductor pointed to no obvious aptitude for the career which was, subsequently, to create fortunes for himself and others.

Next came a period in the Army which he hated, but which, he later confessed, taught him "self-discipline, personal hygiene and self-reliance".

Back to civilian life he went to live in London with ideas of "doing something" in show business. He joined the Morton Fraser Harmonica Gang and later formed his own group, The Viscounts.

But these beginnings gave no conspicuous impetus to his ambitions and he tried his hand at songwriting. Here he was more successful, and one of his songs, "I'll Never Get Over You", became a hit.

This put money in his pocket for the first time, and his search for an investment for it led him back to home territory where he had been told that a group called Tommy Scott and the Senators, then playing the Merthyr Working Men's Club, was worth investigating.

Convicted of Scott's potential, Mills signed him up. He also made him revert to his real name, Tom Jones, which had homely, Welsh-sounding virtues on its side.

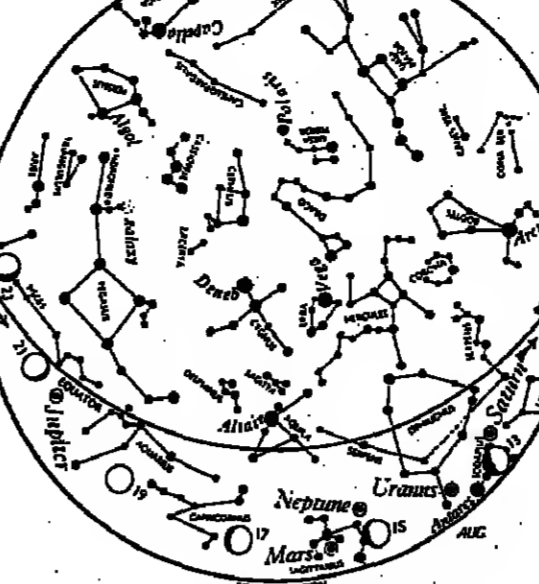
True, Jones's image, with its Presley-derived pelvic antics, seemed a little demode when set against the wilder shores of rock-and-roll, then gripping teenage audiences. But Mills stuck to his guns, and by the time of the smash hit, "The

Mills, who latterly divided his time between London and Los Angeles, was an active conservationist and at one time owned what was reckoned to be the largest private collection of orang-utans in the world. This was donated to San Diego Zoo in 1984.

Astronomy

The night sky in August

By Our Astronomy Correspondent



Mercury is a morning star reaching greatest elongation (190) on the 11th, when it will rise about an hour and a half before the Sun, magnitude near zero and brightening.

Venus is a bright evening star reaching greatest elongation (460) on the 27th, but as it is moving south of the equator its altitude will be low and it will rise about an hour after the Sun.

Mars, now classed as an evening star, is observable until about midnight. It will be stationary on the 12th and will then resume its easterly motion among the stars.

Jupiter is a prominent object in the southern sky, and our main magnitude 2.8 Moon just east of it on the 21st.

Saturn is still observable in the south-west in the early evening. Like Mars in the early evening, the Moon will be stationary this month, on the 7th.

Uranus is yet another planet to be stationary, on the 27th. Above the horizon until about midnight.

Neptune will be setting about an hour after midnight. The Moon, near first quarter, 34.02% full, 19d19m; last quarter, 27d09h.

All five of the outer planets appear on our map this month. For several years now the four great planets, which move slowly, have been on the same side of the Sun and consequently not very far from each other in our sky.

The Perseid meteor stream will be active for the first half of the month, with maximum expected on the night of 12-13th. The radiant is between 12h Cassiopeia, and up to the 12th the Moon will have set.

COURT CIRCULAR

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Post Graduate Board for Medicine (Sir James Fraser). The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon attended the Commonwealth Games Swimming events at the Royal Commonwealth Pool where Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation (Mr K. W. Borthwick).

By Command of The Queen, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Dr Bernardo Ramirez at 76, Chester Square, SW1 this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Colombia to the Court of St James's.

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long, Lord-in-Waiting, was at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of the Governor-General of St Vincent and the Grenadines and Lady Eustace and bade farewell to their Excellencies on Her Majesty's behalf.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Dorset and was received on her arrival at the airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dorset (The Lord Digby). Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Verwood Church of England First School.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today opened Ferndown Community Centre and the new Library. Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Aird.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE July 30: The Duke of Kent was called upon this evening by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, Governor of Riyadh.

Miss Marina Ogilvy is 20 today. A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Hugh Elvet Francis, QC, will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Monday, October 20, 1986, at 4.45 pm.

Alan Jay Lerner A thanksgiving celebration for the life of Alan Jay Lerner will be held on Monday, September 1, 1986, at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden, London, WC2. A limited number of reserved seats are available on application to Mr Martin Tickner, 110 Mountjoy Street, Barbican, EC2Y 8BP.

Forthcoming marriages Mr R.H. Rambotham and Miss E.E. Colman. The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Major-General and Mrs David Rambotham, of HQ3 Armoured Division, BFPO 106, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr Timothy and Lady Mary Colman, of Bixley Manor, Norfolk.

Birthdays today

Sir George Allen, 84; Mrs Evonne Cawley, 35; Sir Trenchard Colville, 81; Mr Peter Crutchfield, 79; Mr Norman De Mar, 74; Professor Milton Friedman, 74; Mr Frank Giles, 67; Mr R. Greenbury, 50; Mr Justice Hirst, 61; Mr Ralph Kollita, 62; Mr Justice McCullough, 58; Mr Peter Nichols, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett, 73; Professor R. W. Steel, 71; Air Marshal Sir Alec Stevens, 88; Mr Peter Thomas, QC, MP, 66; Sir Geoffrey Tory, 74.

Appointments

Mr Nicholas Penn to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, in succession to Sir Alan Goodison. Mr Colin Mays to be High Commissioner to the Bahamas. Mr C. H. de Waal to be the First Parliamentary Counsel, in succession to Sir George Engle, QC, who retires at the end of the year.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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BIRTHS BAEDO - On July 27th at St. Mary's Manchester, to a daughter, Alicia Danielle Elizabeth. BAKER - On 29th July, to Pauline Rose Crayle Nicholas, daughter, Penelope Claire Bridgman.

DEATHS BYRON - On 26th July, to Robert and Robin, daughter, Emily. COCKSIDGE - On 28th July, at Corsham Hall, to a daughter, Susan Elizabeth and a son, Samuel Timothy, a brother for Matthew.

MARRIAGES LANE; WILLETT - The marriage took place on July 26th, at the home of the bride, to Susan (nee Linton) and Mark, a daughter, Jessie. VINCENT & EVELYN BOOTES on the Celebration of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, 31st July, Love and Best Wishes, Caroline and Vincent.

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Science report

When trees suffer from sunburn

By Andrew Wiseman

Too much sun, a danger facing millions of holiday-makers, is a threat to which not only humans are exposed. Trees, too, can suffer from sunstroke or sunburn.

These are the findings of Dr Volker Nicolai of Marburg University, West Germany, after an extensive study of the structure and function of tree bark.

Having observed that some trees in a specific area were dying while others thrived, he decided to investigate whether that had anything to do with the composition and quality of their bark. Subsequent research proved that it had.

The dark bark of copper beech, subjected to intensive sunlight, absorbed the trunk warmed up and almost all the heat was transferred to the tree's interior. The outer layers of the thin, smooth bark grew very hot and this was followed by the formation of embolisms. The tree became sunburned.

As the dry bark cracked, water and nutrient supplies to the tree were interrupted. Be-

cause this process was repeated every year, the tree produced fewer and smaller leaves, its vegetation period was greatly reduced, and ultimately the copper beech died.

Television Putti on show... Nick Shakesp... And so to... Antony S... Shakespe... A las... June 16: I'm... June 17: I'm... June 18: I'm...

THE ARTS

Television Putting on show

When Carlos Fuentes comes to make his series on South America for Channel 4, he could do worse than see how the gringos have tackled the subject in Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon (BBC2).

Last night's center through Argentina's rancorous, glamorous past - a nation with its future behind it, said Jack Pizzev, with one of his pleased smiles.

In calling his programme The Frustrated Colossus, Pizzev harked back to the time when, as the tenth richest country in the world, Argentina was exporting as much food as Australia and Canada.

Before the British arrived, Argentina was "a cattle pasture". With the advent of Aberdeen Angus and wire fencing, it became "ruthlessly easy to get rich".

At what then does this mercurial, passionate race excel? "Failure", replied one of Pizzev's victims, unfairly. But the programme ended with the gloomy prediction of another military coup once the democratic fantasy had soured.

In an uncomfortably sensational edition, Where There's Life (Yorkshire) dealt with the possibility of pregnant men. Among the studio audience was a New Zealand member and her daughter who had been taking an important issue, Miriam Stoppard reduced its implications to the level of a chat show, with vox pops from the audience as to whether they would or would not condone men having babies.

"Sure I do, why not?" was the answer of an expert on whether he thought it a good idea. As to its feasibility, "We got on the moon". We never stayed there, however.

Nicholas Shakespeare

New York's Vivian Beaumont Theater, for too long the ugly duckling in the cultural pool of Lincoln Center, is enjoying a run of success at last: Saraleigh Carney reports

Lighting up a black hole

Enthusiastic popular and critical response: Julie Hagerty and John Mahoney in The House of Blue Leaves

There were a surprising number of hopefuls interested in the post, given the theatre's reputation for humbling those who worked in it, and the board eventually selected Gregory Mosher. As the artistic director of Chicago's Goodman Theater, Mosher had been responsible for the successful Broadway transfers of David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning Glengarry Glen Ross, also directed by Mosher, and David Rabe's Hurlyburly.

Teamed with Mosher is Bernard Gersten as executive producer, for whom this office is a return engagement of sorts, as he was the associate producer of the New York Shakespeare Festival for 19 years, including its tenure at the Beaumont. Gregarious and affable, he is as plain-spoken and direct as Mosher is considered and cautious.

Theatre Annie Get Your Gun Aldwych



A schoolgirl's dream of glamour: Eric Flynn as Frank Butler with the winning Suzi Quatro as Annie Oakley

My teenage sons over sing the songs they listen to. A low singalong factor is what I chiefly note in the sounds issuing from their chosen tapes. Perhaps I should have taken them to Irving Berlin's 40-year-old marvel, reviewed by Irving Wardle at its Chichester revival and now brought to town to give London audiences a dozen catchy tunes and lyrics to accompany them on the journey through life.

The book is not likely to swell the chests of feminists with pride. Girl falls for man at first sight. Man drags for girl more cautiously. Girl wisely beats man at man's own game, wherupon one of the neater lyrics foretells the consequence: "Men don't buy pyjamas for pistol-packing mamas". Girl has to choose to be second best to win a woman's true prize: the love of a man who can fool himself he is better than she is.

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King's Lynn Festival Bubbling talents

George Benjamin St Nicholas's Chapel

The ever-amiable George Benjamin was using all his hats on Tuesday at the King's Lynn Festival, appearing as lecturer, pianist, composer, conductor and cinema accompanist, and still coming up bubbling. His music has, of course, the same engaging combination of high energy, enthusiasm, clarity of vision and innocence, all of which are represented in the Three Studies he played.

The first of them is much the longest and most wide-ranging: a switchback journey, as he explained it, for the simple basic idea of an iambic rhythm. After this came his contribution to a musical symposium of memorials to Haydn, commissioned by the BBC, and one which he was hesitant to accept, he said. Haydn not being one of his favourite composers, although he liked the sound of the name musically transcribed as a G major chord with added A.

He was a persuasive, brilliantly colourful advocate for his own music, although the solo piano medium points up the echoes of Messiaen much more than the orchestra does. The first study was virtually a rhapsody on disorientated Messiaen shapes and textures, and the same presence lingered behind the other two.

Paul Griffiths

Promenade Concert

LS/Davis Albert Hall/Radio 3

At first glance you might think that the London Sinfonietta's Promenade Concert was a bit of a patchwork occasion, mixing styles as diverse as Stravinsky, vintage 1920, and Stravinsky, vintage 1960, and adding pieces by Dallapiccola, Tippett and Henze for good measure.

The connection was slightly tenuous perhaps in the case of Tippett's Concerto for Orchestra of 1962-63; after all its juxtapositions and superimpositions are several stages removed from the baroque concerto grosso principal, though they are very much on the same track. And, even after two and a half decades, the piece strikes one as a curiosity. Every movement is left with a loose strand or two wafting in the air, and one senses the composer's marginal discomfort at writing what was then experimental music without the book of a definitive programme. Nevertheless there are many extremely beautiful things in it.

The Italian influence upon Hans Werner Henze's Five Neapolitan Songs of 1956 is as clear from the sumptuous textures and lyrical vocal lines as it is from the title. The anonymous 17th-century words themselves are of the kind which say profound things because of their naivety and modesty, and Henze is more than ready to throw in the odd folk-like rhythmic ostinato in the bass-line in order to heighten the atmosphere of gentle seduction.

Stephen Pettitt

Jazz Loose Tubes Elizabeth Hall

A remarkable tale reached its climax on Tuesday when Loose Tubes, a much-discussed 21-piece collective of young British jazz musicians, won a roaring ovation at the South Bank SummerScope festival. Just over a year ago, this extraordinary ensemble could be found playing in a pub to an audience numbering barely more than half the band's own strength; the subsequent crescendo of acclaim has injected a virus of enthusiasm into the entire local jazz scene.

Everything they do is fun, presented with an absurdist humour harking back to the loony tunes of the Bonzo Dog Band and the sharp parodies of the Mothers of Invention. There has to be more to it than jokes, though, and the secret is the real substance behind the slapstick facade: a piece like John Escoffier's "Sunny", an extravaganza of trumpets and castanets which might have been conceived as the soundtrack to a remake of Viva Zapata. As with the temperamentally similar cartoons of Glen Baxter, the technical quality and mastery of idiom give the art a lasting life. The daft one-liners and the sometimes hilarious verbal puns, reminiscent of the ice, but the music itself was what captured the hearts.

Richard Williams

And so to Brisbane . . . and the closing excerpts from Antony Sher's diary and sketch-book of the Royal Shakespeare Company's recent Australian tour

A last farewell to Richard

Monday June 16: Until about ten years ago Brisbane was a country town and it still retains a strong rural feel as farmers with weathered faces and safari suits drive battered Jeeps among the skyscrapers. Ironic to be arriving here now with South Africa so much in the news. Much of Australian society has reminded me of my birthplace and Queensland is the most reactionary state of all: there are white lines dividing the pavements and pedestrians are expected always to keep to the left of these (no one does, of course); public demonstrations are banned and apparently you can be arrested for walking four abreast; and the Premier, Bjelke-Petersen, made world headlines last year when he suggested that all gays should be placed in camps to prevent the spread of AIDS. But, again as in South Africa, there is the distracting, seductive power of sunshine - it is warm and tropical despite being the middle of winter. How wonderful it is going to be relaxing by a poolside between performances.

Tuesday June 17: It must be easier entering Soviet Russia than the stage door of the Lyric Theatre in the oew Arts Complex: it is run by uniformed security men rather than the eccentric old stage doorkeepers we all know and love, and you have to possess a pass, sign for your key, and are curiously informed that your visitors will not be allowed backstage without written permission. One of the security men is a particularly charmless ex-Army man with cropped hair called Darkie who, when I ask him if it is all right to leave my car parked in the street outside, says: "No it isn't mate, we're trying to clear up this area but there are still blacks



around. Abbo - leave your car there if you want, but by tonight it'll be boom-rangoon!"

The technical rehearsal is conducted very casually, everyone strolling through it in shorts and T-shirts. At one point I stop to complain about the acoustic, which is very odd and sounds as if an echo-mike has been left on, but the resident sound engineer assures me it won't be as bad when the audience is in. Apparently while this was happening a man with a notebook approached one of the actors at the back of the stalls to offer advice on the matter; he said he knew the theatre well since he was the city's leading critic! Flabbergasted that a critic should be observing us in this informal state, the actor came dashing backstage to alert us; the rehearsal was quickly stopped again, but the man had fled. It is wonderful to imagine Billington or Wardle banging round the back stalls in London theatres during technical rehearsals waiting for the chance to advise actors on how best to project their voices!

Wednesday June 18: First night. The packed house is horrendously respectful and quiet except for the most unexpected noise - a baby crying. They had warned me that this isn't really a theatre city, but a baby at first night! Mother and child are quickly turfed out and we continue in eerie silence. I become very depressed, but my dresser assures me that all visiting companies find Queensland audiences very, very odd. At the end I get quite a fright when the audience explodes to their feet cheering, since by then I was fully convinced they were all asleep, dead, or gone.

Saturday June 21: Woken by an overseas call. It's Terry Hands [RSC Joint Artistic Director] I struggle to collect my thoughts - it's rather like the opening scene of our production of Moliere when Bulgakov is woken by Stalin in the middle of the night for a conversation about Life and Art. Terry explains that the RSC has failed to get the rights for Arturo Ui - Griff Rhys-Jones has secured them for a production in Leicester - but they are still keen to have Richard III return to the Barbican, and he asks whether there is any other play I'm hankering to do alongside it. I promise to let him know early next week.

Sunday June 22: Our Australian producer, Michael Edgley, has loaned me his beach house just south of Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. The weatherboard house is beautiful and restful framed by palm trees and standing right on the beach - it reminds you of the kind of place where, in Hollywood movies, tortured writers come to work their way through endless bottles of whisky and packets of cigarettes as they sit impotently by their typewriters staring at the surf. I spend a wonderful weekend swimming in the warm Pacific and walking along the endless shore-line, many long hours lost in thought, the Walkman playing my new Mozart tapes which make me sing, smile, cry and leave a trail of pale bruises along the wet sand.

Terry's phone-call has helped me crystallize my thoughts about the future: there is no way I can play Richard on stage again - I have done everything I can find to do with the role and now I am bored with it. Arturo Ui's rise was irresistible, but I am secretly relieved it has fallen through - at this moment in time I have also exhausted my appetite for those mammoth, punishing stage roles. A film would have been nice, but I heard the other day I've also lost Prick Up Your Ears - Fred Molina is playing the part. There are clear signs that my immediate future lies in a different direction - I shall go back to England and do the new book for Chatto.

Tuesday June 24: Terry rings and I tell him my decision. He listens patiently, then says: "Fine, of course I understand completely, but may I just send you one script?". You can only laugh.

Monday-Saturday June 30 - July 5: Determined to enjoy the last week, but I'm thoroughly defeated by the disappointment of our audiences suddenly dropping terribly. Before each show I find myself pecking through the set in disbelief at the sight of the closed upper circle, the half-dozen people in the dress circle, the rows of empty stalls spotted with little clumps of people, every cough and shuffle sounding magnified in the vast space. Can this really be the same show that had people queuing overnight at the Barbican? Luckily in the very last few days, there is welcome comic relief with the unexpected arrival of a Channel 4 film crew who are making a documentary about the RSC. Suddenly there is a camera and microphone boom waiting round every corner: actors are filmed sightseeing on the river, putting their smalls into washing machines, or like me very drunk at the farewell party during the presentation of our joke awards. The Dicks-Down-Under.

Sunday July 6: Suddenly it's all over, as if without warning - yet there were so many times when I was counting the days. The sense of unreality is increased by the film crew accompanying me in the taxi to the airport, the cameraman hanging over the front seat saying "Now look out of the window, now contemplate Australia", and then asking me to board the aircraft again and again as they shoot from different angles. Waiting for take-off, some film crew at last. I am free to "contemplate Australia" properly: it is still hard to understand why we were not quite the sell-out success all had anticipated, except in Melbourne. Perhaps therein lies the answer. It seems clear to me that in Australia there are some cities hungry for theatre and others indifferent to it, and on that basis it was a sad loss not to have played Sydney. On the credit side I never thought I'd survive three months of playing that role without injuring myself or losing my voice. Yet I did, and I'm very proud of that. I feel the engines starting up, the thrill of going home at last, the bunge forward thrust of the plane down the runway, and then it lifts me up and away leaving Australia behind for now and Richard III behind for ever.

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Antony Sher's Year of the King is published today in paperback by Methuen at £4.50.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Index Name and Value/Change. Includes FT 30 Share (1280.3 +8.7), FT-SE 100 (1566.3 +9.9), Bargains (21150), USM (Datastream) (121.97 -0.29), THE POUND (US Dollar 1.4915 +0.0005), W German mark (3.1500 +0.0047), Trade-weighted (72.3 +0.2).

Low-cost oil keeps US deficit high

From Bailey Morris Washington. The US trade deficit failed to show significant improvement last month, casting further doubt over the course of the economy. Commerce Department officials said the June deficit remained high, at \$14.17 billion, largely because of a continued flow of low-cost oil imports and another sharp deterioration in agricultural trade...



Opponents at the meeting: above, Sir Jack Wellings, chairman, and, below, Mr David Wilson.



British Gas sale takes to the road

By Martin Baker

British Gas is taking to the road in an unprecedented publicity drive. The Government's advisers on this autumn's privatization want to make 98 per cent of the country aware of the sale. A British Gas roadshow, backed by a "very large" television and newspaper advertising campaign, will visit 16 locations in Britain to publicize the highest-ever government sell-off.

600 Group chief heads off revolt

By Cliff Feltham

A shareholder revolt at 600 Group, the scrap metal and machine tool business, was quashed yesterday by Sir Jack Wellings, the veteran chairman, who unexpectedly announced plans to step down. Sir Jack insisted his decision had nothing to do with poor results or the campaign of a dissident shareholder, Mr David Wilson.

Mercantile House holds GLC's 'missing millions'

By Lawrence Lever

Mercantile House, the financial services group, is holding on to the £78.7 million cash transferred from the Greater London Council shortly before it was abolished this year. The money is on deposit in one of Mercantile's leasing subsidiaries pending the outcome of the challenge to the legality of the transfer...

Opec in disarray

The prospect of further falls in oil prices remained strong last night after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) meeting in Geneva agreed on an output cut of just 1.6 million barrels a day. This remains well short of the 2.5 million barrels a day reduction generally considered the minimum necessary to cause prices to rise.

Law change

The Government has accepted the case put forward by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and others in the property world for creating a market selling units in single commercial properties. The Financial Services Bill will be amended to allow for a unitized property scheme.

OT&T slumps

Pretax profits at Ocean Transport & Trading slumped 19 per cent to £15 million before losses on disposal of ships. Turnover was down 10 per cent to £371.8 million while the interim dividend was increased from 2.55p to 2.9p.

VSEL dealing

Dealings start today in the shares of VSEL Consortium, the state warship-building company sold in March in an employee-led buy-out.

Hanson sells

Hanson Industries has sold Brookwood Furniture Company to an investment group led by Brookwood's management for \$3.5 million (£5.7 million).

Horning in

Robert Horne Group is moving up from the unlisted securities market to a full Stock Exchange listing. The company says interim profits were ahead in a difficult first half and a significant increase in dividends for the year is expected.

Stock allotted

The Bank of England says that the issue by tender of £400 million 2½ per cent indexed Treasury stock 2060 A has been allotted in full at £97.

Table with 4 columns: Index Name, Value, Change, and Unit. Includes FT 30 Share, FT-SE 100, USM, and others.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with multiple columns: Market Name, Value, Change, and Unit. Includes Stock Markets (New York, Tokyo, etc.), Main Price Changes (RISERS, FALLS), and Currencies (London, New York).

'Boom in profits continues'

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent. The boom in company profits is still going strong and manufacturing output is still buoyant despite pessimistic official statistics, a leading stockbroker said yesterday. Phillips & Drew in its monthly economic forecast argues that the way official statistics are calculated has distorted a picture of strong underlying growth in margins and output.

South expects building rise

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent. The prosperity gap between the North and South has again been reflected in the state of the building industry. Three times as many contractors expect their workload to improve this year in the London area compared with the North.

Thirty stockbrokers barred from Hong Kong exchange

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange has expelled 30 stockbrokers who refused to insure themselves and their clients against financial disasters. Another 100 will be barred if they do not pay their membership fees within the next few weeks.

Fast food chain quits UK with £6.8m sale

By Our City Staff

Wendy, the fast food chain from the United States, is pulling out of Britain. It is selling its 16 restaurants, all in the London area, to Whitbread, the brewery company. Although the Wendy name will be retained for the rest of the summer, the restaurants will be converted to Whitbread's "own retailing concepts" when the £6.8 million deal is completed.

Lloyds to issue third FRN

Lloyds Bank yesterday announced the issue of undated floating rate notes, its third since last year when the Bank of England agreed to view "perpetuals" as primary bank capital. Lloyds said that the £600 million issue would be used to improve the quality of the bank's capital since it would enable a similar amount of dated subordinated loan capital to be repaid.

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WALL STREET

Dow stages fragile rally

New York (Reuters) - Share prices showed a moderate advance in early trading yesterday, reversing the trend of sharp declines earlier in the week. The rebound was fragile, however, with breadth remaining just slightly positive and no strong economic reasons to support a recovery, traders said. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose about five points to 1,772 shortly after the opening, was up 1.27 to 1,768.14 at one stage. The indicator hit the month's closing low of 1,766.87 on Tuesday. The transport average was up 2.13 at 713.13 while the utilities average slipped 0.22 to 283.06. The 65 stocks average was 0.69 higher at 683.77. The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index was up 0.11 at 135.30 while Standard & Poor's composite index rose 0.27 to 234.82. ITT was among the most active stocks in early trading, up 1 1/2 to 53 1/2, after announcing that it was close to an agreement with CGE.

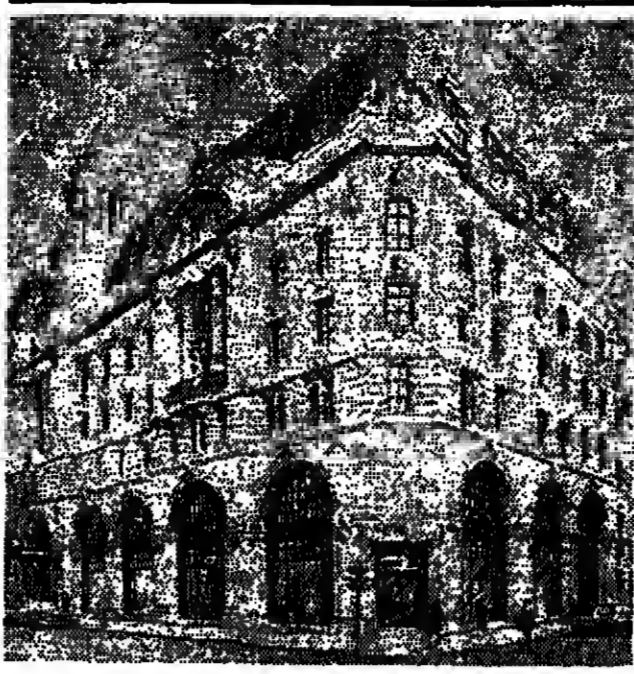
Table with multiple columns showing stock prices and changes for various companies like IBM, AT&T, and others.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Britain set to share in Australian bonanza

By Judith Huntley

The Australian Government's relaxation of its restrictive rules on foreign investment, forced on it by the dramatic decline in the Australian dollar, which plummeted to new depths this week, removes real and psychological barriers to property development and investment in the country. Three of Britain's largest property companies, Hammerson, MEPC and Capital & Counties, stand to benefit substantially from moves to encourage foreign investors. Significant proportions of their property portfolios are in Australia.



Ladbroke Group Properties, part of the Ladbroke hotels and gambling group, has transformed the former Debenham & Freebody department store in London's Wigmore Street, bought for £6.5 million, into a 65,000 sq ft office building. The refurbishment is thought to have cost £30 million. Asking rents will be between £25 and £28 a sq ft.

The Foreign Investment Review Board, which vetted all property developments from foreign companies, will no longer be able to insist that at least 50 per cent of the interest in a scheme be sold to an Australian investor within a prescribed time. And the spectre of yet tougher regulations prohibiting the buying of property without a 50 per cent Australian partner has also been abolished. Mr Keith Douglas-Mann, chairman of Jones Lang Wootton, the chartered surveyor's London partnership and international committee, says: "The revised regulations, which remove the previous virtually total ban on overseas purchases, are probably the most significant changes to be announced in the Australian market for years. Japanese and Hong Kong investors are known to be looking keenly at the market and the way is now clear for a revival of activity." Mr Ray Moorham, Capital & Counties' finance director, agrees. The company has 15 per cent of its portfolio in Australia and in the past has had to restrict its stake in its schemes to about 35 per cent. "Now we will be able to retain 100 per cent of our developments and sell at our leisure," comments Mr Moorham. "We will no longer be in the position of having a virtually forced sale to an Australian investor inflicted on us as was previously the case. We have kept 100 per cent of two of our largest schemes, in the sub-

urbs of Sydney, worth about £12.5 million each, believing that the FIRB would be abolished. We can now sell when we think market conditions are right. "Hong Kong and Japanese money is already in Australia and without the constraint of the FIRB to run there will be substantially more. There is little product to buy and the market is buoyant in the large cities. Prices will rise and yields will fall. Prime suburban office yields are now at 8 per cent but I think they will drop below that," forecasts Mr Moorham. The new investment guidelines mean that foreign buyers will automatically be given approval from the FIRB to acquire a 50 per cent stake in property investments. They will be allowed to buy the remaining 50 per cent if no local buyer can be found or if the first half-share could not reasonably be bought on its own. This is a reversal of the present position where foreign investors had to demonstrate that the purchase was in the national interest.

TEMPUS

Mercantile rise does not promise riches

Mercantile House's 44 per cent pretax profit increase to £75.4 million for the year to April 30, does not automatically augur well for the future. The £41.7 million operating profit is only a 3 per cent increase. It has been swelled by trading gains made by Mercantile's Alexander Discount subsidiary, using its surplus liquidity to operate as a principal in the gilts market. Given the buoyant state of the gilts market in the first four months of this year, these gains, which Mercantile does not disclose, might not be repeated. Then there is the fact that most of the profit increase came from related companies - up to £33.7 million from 1985's £11.7 million. However, some £31 million of this comes from the results of the securities operations of Oppenheimer, the American investment group, of which Mercantile owned 100 per cent until shortly before the end of its tax year. It now has only 18 per cent, so next year's contribution to its profits from this source should be significantly lower. Of course Mercantile does have the benefit of £100 million (£67 million) in cash from the sale.

Mercantile's shares fell 1p yesterday to 291p. Some brokers are thinking in terms of a 165 million pretax profit next year and earnings per share on an undiluted basis of approximately 48p. This would put the company on a p/e ratio of around 6, suggesting that the share price is already discounting a fall in earnings.

VSEL

What price Britain's nuclear submarine builder? Dealings begin today in the shares of VSEL, formerly Vickers Shipbuilding. The shares, originally sold at 100p, are being quoted by way of an introduction and no new money is being raised. As an investment, VSEL offers a renationalization gamble with a twist. A Labour government might renationalize both Labour and the Alliance will most certainly cancel Trident. The former would definitely be bad news for shareholders, the latter would be quite bearable for the company. VSEL hopes to build all four Trident submarines which would bring in £1.6 billion of work over the next 10 years. An assembly hall is being constructed at a cost of £220 million and profits will start coming through in about three years. If the contract is cancelled, however, VSEL receives 125 per cent of the outturn price, dropping to 100 per cent when the second submarine is ordered. So the investment in the facility is covered. Almost all the £1.9 billion of orders is accounted for by work from the Ministry of Defence and VSEL is having to trim its costs in order to offset the slimmer margins now on offer. On a pro forma basis, pretax profits for the year to March were £11.9 million. Assuming no mainstream tax is payable, a share price of, say, 130p would mean a p/e of 4 and a yield of 6.2 per cent.

land-based services. After the disposal of its one-third interest in Overseas Containers Limited, it has grouped its remaining businesses under various headings of which the main ones are fuel distribution, air freight forwarding, and bulk liquid storage (PanOcean). The trouble is, that although Ocean is in a range of soundly-based, well-managed businesses, none is a highly-rated, glamour industry. Through the sale of OCL, the group has plenty of funds to make acquisitions, and so far its record has been faultless in selecting businesses which fit in well with what it is doing. But if Mr Roy Brierley can raise his stake from 5.5 per cent to 7.3 per cent without causing the share price to flicker, it is hard to see quite what there is in the group that is going to spark investor interest.

Disposal of OCL came too late for the interim results, announced yesterday. The £5 million deterioration in the associated companies' pretax profit contribution - from £13.9 million to £9 million - was entirely due to a halving of profits at OCL. As a result, group pretax profit before losses on the disposal of ships declined 19 per cent to £15 million in the six months to June 30. The profit forecast for the rest of the year depends on how the group deploys the £50 million or so it has available for acquisitions from the OCL sale. The interest charge will be much reduced. This, and the seasonal nature of the air freight business, biased two-to-one in favour of the second half, the purchase of Jardine Matheson's airfreight forwarding business and the acquisition of the outstanding 50 per cent in PanOcean should enable the group to match the £15 million pretax it made in the first half. The absence of OCL means the tax charge will also be much reduced, and earnings per share of 19p for the year look possible, compared with 17.5p last year. This implies a prospective multiple of 14.3, a rating which fairly reflects the prospects of the underlying businesses.

Ocean Transport and Trading has gradually been moving away from its concentration on shipping towards a broad range of

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian stock prices for companies like Albitol, Alcan, and others.

COMPANY NEWS

ATTWOODS: Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of JM Roper for £4.2 million, satisfied by the issue of 2.63 million new ordinary shares. The board explains that the mainstream business of Roper presents an opportunity to expand Attwoods' activities in an area where a trading presence was established in 1983 following the purchase of Barnsdale Bar and Branshaw Quarries in Yorkshire. BLUE CIRCLE LTD: The company, which is 42 per cent owned by Blue Circle Industries, has reported for the six months to June 30, 1986 (seven months to June 30, 1985). Pretax profit £4.16 million (£3.1 million), against £5.64 million. Turnover £146 million (£151 million). While no interim dividend is being paid, the board will consider a final, based on the full year's results. Last time, the company paid an interim of 11 cents, but passed the final. COSALT: The company has agreed to acquire the outstand-

Government gives green light for unitized sales

The Government has accepted in principle the creation of a new investment market selling units in single commercial properties. The Financial Services Bill, which is now at the Committee Stage, will be amended to allow for a unitized property scheme to be marketed both to institutions and the public. Lord Lucas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, announced the Government's decision to accept the principle of unitization as put forward by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and others on Monday in the House of Lords. The Government will be consulting interested parties over the amendment of the

Bill. The proposal will fall outside the definition of collective investment schemes. A unitized market would be regulated under the "recognized investment exchange provisions." The prospect of fundamental changes in the methods of financing and owning property opens up new possibilities, not least for the hard pressed inner cities, according to the RICS. Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountant, believes that further tax incentives will be needed to shift investment away from the favoured South-east of England. The firm argues for the designation of special zones within cities or urban areas. Tax relief for investors could also be obtained through an adaptation of the Personal Equity Plans announced by the Government

in the last Budget. Deloitte suggests that no tax be payable on the income from property units, making the scheme attractive to higher rate taxpayers. It also raises the question of extending the Business Expansion Scheme to a selected range of unitized property investments. But Deloitte, like the RICS, believes in encouraging the formation of a single unitized market, not a proliferation of competing schemes. But if this new market is to come into being there will be stiff competition among those wishing to participate in it. There has yet to be a resolution of the dilemma whereby those hoping to gain commercial advantage by being first or producing a variety of vehicles are in danger of seeing the market diminish because of fragmentation.

APPOINTMENTS

Clarkson LMS: Mr BM Waters joins the board as chairman, Mr CL Burgess as deputy chairman, Mr PH Gray as managing director, and Mr BT Clarke, Mr AWG Dunger, Mr PRH Friend, Mr DB Houghton, Mr DP Larmer, Mr G Marsh, Mr CH Matthews become directors. Baker Perkins: Mr George Law becomes deputy chairman. Trico Products Corporation: Mr René van Dyck joins the board. Courtaulds: Mr RM Woodhouse becomes additional deputy chairman. Soperim: M. Gey Brana and M. Henri Bernat have been made non-executive directors. Kleinwort Benson: Mr Marc Crausie and Mrs Lesley Watts join the board. Diners Club International: Mr Nick Rowe has been made managing director, Europe, Middle East and Africa. Daiwa Europe: Mr Nicholas Chegg becomes managing director. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company: Mr Douglas Robson is vice-president, Mr Neil Levitt, Mr Terence Forsyth, Mr Robert Brydges and Mr David White are vice-presidents. Ward Asticraft and Parkman: Mr Eric Road and Mr Bernard James become associate directors. Securities Trust of Scotland: Mr Robia Young becomes a director. Telfos Holdings: Mr JW

Control Securities buys £3.3m shopping centre

Control Securities has bought the freehold of the Lee-Gate Shopping Centre in Lewisham, south-east London, from a subsidiary of Rush & Tompkins, for £3.3 million in cash. The seven-year-old centre has 31 shops, 37,500 sq ft of offices and a 290-space car park. The annual rental income is £275,000 and is expected to rise during the next six months. Control's newly-reconstituted board has negotiated a loan facility to expand its trading activities. The Bride Hall Group and PostTel, the pension fund for the Post Office, have received approval for their £90 million business park at Bracknell, Berkshire. The 37-acre freehold site was bought from the New Towns Commission last September. The first phase - known as Park One - will contain 130,000 sq ft of low-density space. Eventually, there will be 650,000 sq ft, much of it purpose-built. The letting agents are Bernard Thorpe & Partners and Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks. Beacrest Estates, the development company jointly owned by Clarke, Nickolls & Coombs and JM Jones, the builder, has sold its office

site next to its Pavilions scheme in Redhill, Surrey, covering two-thirds of an acre, to Heron Hi-tech for £1.5 million. Beacrest will develop the site with Heron, the company set up by Mr Gerald Ronson to build biotech schemes in the Thames Valley. The letting agents for the 26,000 sq ft project are Hillier Parker and Richard Ellis. Country and New Town Properties has let its redevelopment of the former Civil Service Store in London's Strand, giving it a rental income of more than £450,000 a year. Dixons is to lease 5,270 sq ft, fronting the Strand, Whitbread's first British restaurant with 250 seats - called TGI Fridays and being undertaken with US partner - will open at the rear of the building. Rank Xerox is also taking 2,400 sq ft. Knight Frank & Rutley and Harrison & Goate were the letting agents.

BASE LENDING RATES: ABN 10.00%, Adam & Company 10.00%, BCCI 10.00%, Citibank Savings 10.75%, Consolidated Crds 10.00%, Continental Trust 10.00%, Co-operative Bank 10.00%, C. Home & Co 10.00%, Hong Kong & Shanghai 10.00%, Lloyds Bank 10.00%, Nat Westminster 10.00%, Royal Bank of Scotland 10.00%, TSB 10.00%, Citibank NA 10.00%

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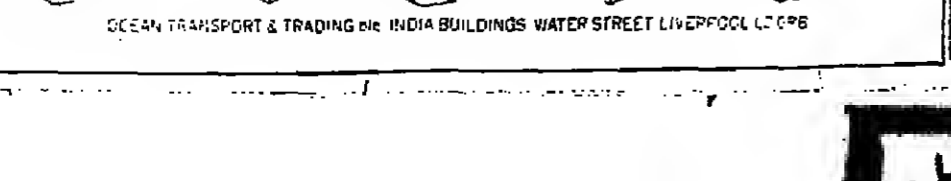
Table showing financial performance metrics: ANOTHER RECORD YEAR, TURNOVER £72.1m UP 77%, TRADING PROFIT £7.0m UP 113%, PRETAX PROFIT £5.2m UP 135%, EARNINGS PER SHARE 10.01p UP 24%, DIVIDEND UP 3.5p UP 24%.

Table showing highlights from David Rocklin's Annual Statement: The year ended 31 March 1986 has seen continued progress by the group on all fronts, with increased profits deriving from businesses acquired in the previous year and from substantial growth of existing activities. Both turnover and trading in the first quarter of 1986/7 are considerably ahead of the corresponding level last year.

"Moving ahead with vigour"

W.N. Menzies-Wilson, Chairman. Ocean is in transition as we make good progress towards our strategic aim of changing from a shipping company to a broader industrial and distribution services company. The coming months will be an exciting period as we continue to invest well in our chosen market areas. Our restructured management team is well prepared to meet this challenge.

Table with columns for Jan-June 1986, Jan-June 1985, and Year to date 1986, showing metrics like Turnover, Trading Profit, Profit before tax, Earnings per share, and Dividend per share.



LEGAL APPOINTMENTS section listing various legal services and contact information.

Copies of the Annual Report, containing the Chairman's Statement in full are obtainable from The Secretary, Norton Opax plc, Norton Opax House, 11 Ripon Road, Harrogate, HG1 2JA.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Battering for shares with South African interests

By Michael Clark

With sanctions now a real possibility following the collapse of South Africa...

BP advanced 9p to 57.5p, while the recently hard-hit British rallied 6p to 11.1p.

21p. Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, with its interim figures due next Wednesday...

vanced 18p to 258p in anticipation of good results today. Receding hopes of a bid left United Scientific 10p lower at 153p.

In the first half of this year, pretax profits of Gallaher, the tobacco group which is a subsidiary of American Brands of the US, rose by 7 per cent to \$57.7 million.

Elsewhere in consumer issues, Amstrad, with full-year figures due in September...

Press comment supported Bleck at 188p and Electron House at 123p, both up 3p.

43p. AE hardened 4p to 227p in sympathy with the 6p improvement to 190p in the shares of the unwelcome predator, Turner & Newall.

RECENT ISSUES

Equities: Anglo Secs (115p) 141 +7, Ashby (135p) 206 +1, BB Design (67p) 150, Boveris (145p) 170, Bepel 37 (12p) 42, Bortland (125p) 147, Bradford (145p) 150, British Gas (125p) 129, Coated Electrodes (84p) 117, Evans Hattshaw (120p) 117, Fuchs Denzys (70p) 120, GT Management (210p) 203 +3, Guthrie Corp (150p) 155, Harrison (115p) 157, Hughes (82p) 90, Hughes Food (20p) 23 +1, Lon Ltd Inv (330p) 78, MS Cars & C (100p) 43 +3, Morgan Grenfell (500p) 125, Shell (72p) 120, Southgate (185p) 125, Southtrust (40p) 124, Stanley Leisure (110p) 124

TV-AM (130p) 150 +4, Task Force (80p) 130, Tenby Inds (112p) 108, Thomson TV (125p) 224, Tibbet & Britton (120p) 125, Yekaterin (38p) 15, Unilever (63p) 147, Windsor (100p) 108

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Company News: GREGGS: Interim dividend 2p (1.65p), payable on Oct. 14, for the 24 weeks to June 14. Turnover £24.8 million (£21.38 million). Pretax profit £911,000 (£877,000). Earnings per share 4.95p (3.28p). The results for the full year are expected to show a steady improvement on last time, the board reports. Greggs is to buy a small bakery and 20 retail shops trading in North London for £3.0 million.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Three Month Sterling, Dec 86, Mar 87, Sep 87, Dec 87, Three Month Eurodollar, Sep 86, Mar 87, Jun 87, Three Month Treasury Bond, Sep 86, Mar 87, Dec 87, Short GR, Sep 86, Mar 87, Dec 87, Long GR, Sep 86, Mar 87, Dec 87, FT-SE 100, Sep 86, Mar 87, Dec 86

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table with columns: Interbank period had another pretty quiet session. Now and again a sizable deal was seen, but volume overall was not great.

'Growing' NRDC in £7.54m surplus

By Bill Johnston Technology Correspondent

Both arms of the British Technology Group - the National Research Development Corporation and the National Enterprise Board - yesterday announced profits for the financial year ending in March.

The National Research Development Corporation declared a pretax surplus of £7.54 million, on an income of £19.35 million from industrial projects and licences.

The corporation is presently engaged in litigation over alleged infringement of patents and intellectual property rights. It has made a provision of £1.05 million for these imminent expenses.

Mr Colin Barker, BTG's chairman, said: "It has been a year of steady growth and progress. Our main thrust is still the transfer of technology to industry and the provision of finance to develop industrial products and processes."

During the year, 355 innovations for exploitation and development were offered to the NRDC but only 188 were selected for funding, bringing the total to 1,912, up from 1,863 the previous year.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet The beerage shines up its defensive shield

With not a little encouragement from this column (the news of Sir Gordon Borrie's wish to have the brewers again referred was broken first in The Times), the Director-General of Fair Trading has decided to ask the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate the tied public house system, which exists only in Britain and is the channel through which the major brewers sell more than half their beer.

There will then be a few days when the brewers could make representations to the Department of Trade and Industry where lies the power to cancel the proceedings within a fortnight of Sir Gordon acting. If the Department did so it would be for the first time as far as anybody can remember.

The prospect of another inquiry has provoked a pained response from the Brewers' Society, which predictably is aghast at another MMC inquiry as the previous one was as "recent" as 1969. Predictably, the Society is inveighing against the reference as totally unnecessary and wasteful and claiming that Britain's pubs have a wider choice of beers and other drinks than anywhere else in the world.

The brewers' power is not quite what it was. In 1967 they accounted through the tied system for 78 per cent of on-licence outlets, which are mainly pubs but this is now down to 59 per cent, as the Brewers' Society has been swift to point out. But having an armlock on well over half the country's pubs is still a lot of muscle.

Seventeen years ago the MMC, while finding against the tied house system, failed entirely to recommend its abolition because it had not the wit to decide what might be put in its place. Should the findings be the same again, it is unlikely the Commission would suffer from the same lack of imagination.

The other tie the brewers have is with the Conservative Party. This is not the least, though not perhaps the most, difficult problem Sir Gordon poses for the present Government. The critical power of decision rests with the Department of Trade and Industry where presides a Guinness in the normally emollient and slightly flushed form of Paul Channon. He may within 14 days cancel proceedings under the Fair Trading Act. As Guinness, along with Bulmers and exporters of beer to this country, are the principal slaves of the tied estate and thus potentially the main beneficiaries if the tie were broken, he may have to opt out of the decision-making.

None the less, it is still a ticklish one for a Tory Government, which can normally rely on substantial support from the beerage. Only deep in the cups of electoral pessimism would they console themselves with the thought that the responsibility for implementing a hostile MMC report might not be theirs.

Although the brewers and Brewers' Society, again ironically, with a Guinness (Edward) at its head, seem monolithic in their opposition to an MMC investigation, appearances may be deceptive. Scottish & Newcastle for one, which sells only 20 per cent of its beer through tied houses, might have a different perspective. This could conceivably change if S&N were to acquire Courage from Hanson Trust: but if as in the United States and elsewhere, brewers were confined to brewing and wholesaling, the leaner, fitter and paler of countenance might stand a better chance. The smaller brewers also seem to hanker after a freer system, though major regional brewers might find the going harder, despite the antagonism felt by some against the high price regime the big brewers have succeeded in maintaining. The debate about consumer choice would hot up at this point.

The main beneficiaries from abolishing the tied estate should be the independent brewers, like Guinness, and Scotch and gin distillers; cider and soft drink makers; and major exporters to the British market like Anheuser-Busch. But the question "what would the brewers do with their tied houses?" might have a highly lucrative answer.

Riddle of US trade figures

Currency dealers are continually looking for forthcoming economic announcements against which to buy or sell currencies. During the dollar's climb, the weekly US money supply figures were regarded as vital market signals. This week, the dollar was sold in front of yesterday's trade figures.

What could this mean? The trend even worse, or the May figures more hopeful for the dollar than originally thought? And since American statistics are routinely revised by more than the odd percentage point, might this not happen to the June figure?

The market was clearly non-plussed. First, the dollar lost a pennig against the mark, then it recovered, ostensibly on reassuring noises from Mr Paul Volcker. The lack of overall movement is probably slightly bearish for the dollar, since speculators who had sold the American currency short, in anticipation, either saw no need to unwind their positions or had no difficulty doing so.

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GOLD

Table showing Gold prices for various locations and currencies, including London, New York, and Zurich.

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Table showing ECGD (Export Credits Guarantee Department) rates for various countries and currencies.

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Main table containing various unit trust information, including fund names, managers, and performance metrics. Columns include fund names, managers, and performance data.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

July 31, 1986

Management education is well and truly under the microscope at the moment. Several important reports either have been published recently or are currently under way. It may soon be on the operating table. As I see it, the situation regarding management education is rather similar to that for which the Review of Vocational Qualifications Working Group, which reported to the Department of Education and the Manpower Services Commission in May, was invented to provide a solution in the vocational area.

In other words, there is a considerable array of provision, but it is ill-organized, and there is much overlapping and no clear sense of direction.

Speaking for my profession, the chartered secretaries, we would doubt the need for additional provision. What is required is the better organization of what we have. Having said that, we think there is advantage in multiplicity of provision in very different forms. A total transfer to a privatized sector might well mean that courses would be arranged mainly to suit the needs of individual large-scale businesses and the result would be more training than education.

One must also consider the different levels of management education. There is a need for qualitative as well as quantitative assessment. We can well see a place for the Diploma of Manage-

ment Studies and, indeed, different forms of it provided in different colleges, but it is by no means the total answer.

Indeed, we think that one of the fundamental problems is not so much the provision of management education as the general level of education of those who have in recent years gone into the commercial/industrial sectors. Much depends on the level already available for the superimposition of management education post-experience.

We also think that too many are going into management education with an inadequate experience in business hoping that in some miraculous way management education will transform them into general managers as a result of a single course.

Equally, there are many large businesses where what is not required is a very broad Master of Business Administration approach. The need is for something more specific and concerned with the development of a well established and organized business rather than what is required if major radical changes are to be introduced.

Our experience is that many MBA courses — and, to some extent, DMS courses — spend a good deal of time with relatively elementary business studies education which ought to have been done at a much earlier stage through qualifications such as our own. No doubt this is necessary to bring the managers attending the course to a similar level before

Success today will depend on getting our management education in all its aspects organized, says Barry Barker



starting on what the course has to offer.

We feel that what is perhaps lacking more than anything is the basic education in business studies which could well be taken on board at an early stage partly through the school and university system, but just as well in the early years of work in commerce and industry.

This does not mean anything like the narrow skills base of the BTEC (Business and Technician Education Council) type of qualification. It is concerned with providing a knowledge base on which much more can be built from the experience itself of management and then post-experience management courses.

Whether this is to be provided in the public or private sector does not seem to us to be a particularly important point. Both will be needed and some competition is not a bad thing. What is required is that the Department of Educa-

tion, the Manpower Services Commission and anyone else organizing the provision should offer a suitable matrix, of provision, both qualitatively, geographically and in terms of volume.

In the BTEC-type course there is probably an over-emphasis on skills and employer-led, and at the university level there is perhaps a similar over-emphasis on the academic as opposed to the practical, and the involvement of employers is a good deal less. The system is all there; what is required is someone to organize and lead it.

Skills of analysis and communication take many years to develop and are a part of the whole education system. They are not skills which can be imparted in very short management or, indeed, other courses. On the other hand, management skills and techniques can and should be taught at a quite early stage. Beyond that, one is dependent

on experience and the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills already acquired. No doubt a management education can to some extent create a hothouse in which the relevant experience can artificially be induced or simulated, and the provision can be more systematic and orderly than is likely if the individual is left to the normal course of a career in commerce and industry.

It is one of the weaknesses of most professional bodies that they tend to equip an individual for his or her profession, but do not turn professionals into managers.

What has happened in local government is an obvious example. Attempts to identify, as it were, the "management" dimension in a professional course as if it can be separated out and "taught" generally seems to fail and many are still searching for ways in which to convert the relatively narrowly trained and educated "professionals" into "managers". What the professional bodies can and should do is to ensure that the tools and techniques of management, quite apart from, and in addition to, the professional work, would be part of their courses. In our institute we have made a point of that for some years and have accentuated the emphasis since the information technology revolution.

With the best will in the world, it is difficult to gauge employers' needs and we were impressed with the remark of the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates in a recent report: "There will

never be a united front on employers' needs (except on such issues as transferrable personal skills) because there is a wide range of interests and needs. The message is likely always to be fragmented." It must follow that course provision must also be diverse.

We believe that the worlds of academic, vocational education and training and management education need to be brought closer together and that institutions should not be created which will have the effect of isolating any one of them.

Now sense a change in attitude, not only at the council for National Academic Awards, but also at the university level generally. That is to be wholeheartedly welcome and we make no reference to the circumstances which have brought those changes about.

Equally, our experience is that employers are becoming more willing to accept the priorities of public sector management education and not to put quite such a heavy emphasis on taking the generally educated and endeavouring to do the training for themselves and for their own purposes.

In the climate, it is encouraging that the provision of management education is being studied seriously. We are aware of no less than eight studies of management education-related matters now taking

place, something of an *embarras de richesse*, one might think.

A report on postgraduate management education in UK universities by Professor P.G. Forrester on behalf of the Economic and Social Research Council and the Conference of University Management Schools was published in 1985.

More recently, in February this year, the CNAA Committee for Business and Management Studies produced a position paper on management education and the public sector. The paper puts forward a number of options for rationalizing the provision of management education by universities, polytechnics and colleges. With a consensus growing that rationalization must come, we would expect the suggestions made in the CNAA paper to be acceptable, but we are still doubtful as to who, if anyone, will grasp the nettle and take the lead.

Presumably, it can only be a combination of the Department of Education and Science and the Manpower Services Commission. A matrix of provision needs to be agreed.

We have had a matrix of academic education for many years. We are about to acquire one for vocational education and training. We are now looking for a third matrix — for management education.

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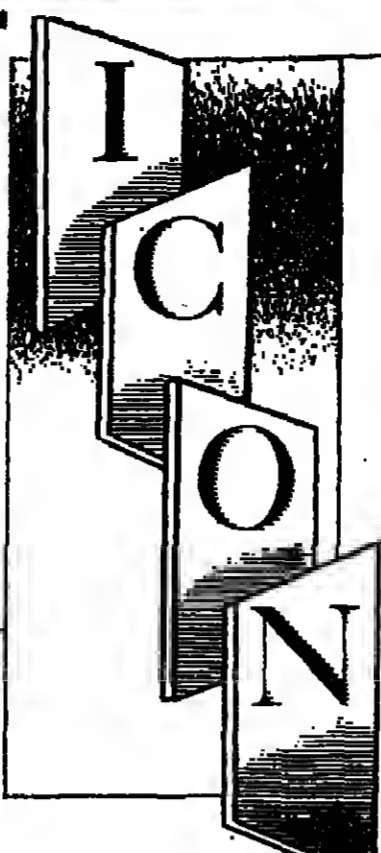
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A recent survey of 450 firms undertaken by the Institute of Manpower Studies show that around half were using some temporary staff at all levels - either to cope with workload fluctuations or to avoid recruiting permanent employees.

Companies are also turning to temporaries in high skill specialist fields where it is difficult to recruit staff without offering salaries that throw the whole pay structure out of gear.

Manpower, the employment agency which commissioned the IMS survey, has long specialised in this sector of the market. They found that a poster campaign last year, featuring a bowler-hatted model in the image of a middle manager created the wrong impression. "We don't have much demand from

An increasing number of employers are turning to highly skilled specialist temporaries rather than offering full-time work. Godfrey Golzen looks at the potential of this newly emerging market

country. Not all of them want to run businesses of their own, or have the resources to do so, but an awful lot have highly marketable expertise. One of the jobs of recruitment consultancies will be to bring such people together with clients who have a need for what they have to offer, but who might not want to tie themselves down to a long term commitment."

Mr Crosswell admits that supplying executive temporaries is still a very small part of Blue Arrow's activities. "We supply about 250 such people a week, which is about 2.5 per cent of our total placement. Mostly the demand is for temporary accountants and technical people, but we're also now getting asked for executives with specific bits of expertise in management disciplines like marketing and R & D."

Typical assignments last for anything between four weeks and six months and pay at this level is around £25-£30 an hour. The rate is negotiated by Blue Arrow, and the temporaries on their books are technically their employees. That means they get holiday pay and statutory benefits but it also means that they are taxed on PAYE, though in many respects their position is much closer to that of self-employed sub-contractors.

Mr Crosswell believes that is an anomaly which ought to be corrected by legislation. "The official designation of self-employment is much too rigidly attached to carrying on trades or professions. The signs are that the security of employed status - and the tax free fringe benefits that go with it - will increasingly attach only to a core of permanent employees. In my view that ought to be recognized in extending the tax concessions available to Schedule D payers to all kinds of outworkers, rather than trying to limit them as it is happening at the moment."

Nevertheless, one of the happy results of temporary executive assignments is that they frequently result in the person concerned being offered a permanent job. In that case Blue Arrow charge the client a fee related to salary. Like many supporters of temporary employment, Mr Crosswell believes that it has a further function as a way of trying out a potential employee without any commitment on either side.

"It establishes whether you can work with someone, whether they're good at the job - and even whether there's a real need for it to be filled in the longer term. Those are the kind of things that often just don't come out, even in a skilfully conducted interview."

The built-in potential for full-time employment was also a factor that attracted the Institute of Directors into setting up their Part-Time Executive Appointments Bureau a year ago. Unlike many of their other services it is available to non-member companies and individuals. They work rather like their commercial competitors. Individuals who write in to them are interviewed and given a questionnaire to fill out which indicates their qualifications, age, skills, experience and degree of availability.

When an enquiry comes in from a client, the Bureau establishes the job specification and then makes a search from the 400 or so names on their register. The client then gets a short list of individuals from which to make the selection. In this case, however, the temporary appointee is employed by the client and has to make his or her own arrangements about remuneration - though guidance is available to both parties on this point by the IOD's director of specialist company services.

Short-term assignments can often lead to a firm offer

Kenneth Lindon-Travers, "We arrange about 60-70 such appointments a year, mostly in small firms for periods of a few days to several months. The people we place are mostly in the 40-65 age group. Salaries are at the annual equivalent of £20,000-£45,000." If a permanent position is eventually offered to a temporary employee, the Institute charges the client company a flat fee of £1,000.

Another of the attractions of temporary executive appointments from the employer's point of view is that experienced people are able to pick up the threads of a job quickly, without a long and costly induction period. "The demand often arises out of an urgent need for someone who can start work on Monday because an incumbent has dropped out suddenly for whatever reason," says Mr Lindon-Travers.

Mr Crosswell, however, believes that employers tend to under-rate the importance of briefing temporary workers. "There's often an assumption that because someone is temporary, they're not going to need any training. But they still need to be briefed. When things go wrong it's nearly always because the brief was inadequate or because too much knowledge was taken for granted. Even a self-starter has to know where to insert the key that sets the motor going." If he and other human resources experts are right in seeing a boom in temporary work on the way, then managers are going to need to be trained to use it effectively.

A growing need for computer experts and accountants

clients for temporary appointments in general management," says Fergal O'Brien who runs the Notting Hill office. "However, there's a large and growing requirement for temporary help on the accountancy, computing and technical side and also in areas where firms have to take on specialists to cope with sudden surges of work. Designers to help out in the drawing office if a big contract comes along are a case in point."

His view of the growth potential in new kinds of temporary work is shared by Michael Crosswell, managing director of the fast-expanding Blue Arrow personnel services group. They now own Brook Street Bureau and have just acquired the head hunting and executive selection agency Hoggett Bowers.

One reason for that move was to get a foothold in the executive employment market. Some people regard it as an overcrowded field, but he thinks it is one where new and different recruitment opportunities are beginning to emerge. "Firms are having to pay huge salaries for those with special qualifications. The problem is that there may not be a continuing demand for those particular skills within the same organization. That can leave high flyers in a dead end job - or out in the street when they're no longer needed."

He foresees a future where executives are taken on for specific tasks, subcontracting their services for a fixed period of 2-3 years. "It's really an aspect of self-employment," he says. "There are 2.5 million self-employed people in this

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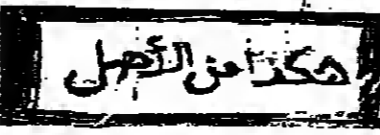
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Moran stops the rot in the ring

Scottish surprise in men's badminton



Smooth progress on the bowls road

Markswoman adds silver to gold

Canada shade the opening battle against arch rivals

By Sukumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Canada edged ahead of England as the two countries entered the final stages of the boxing competition at Ingleston yesterday.

Dar, the exciting, young, Pakistani-born boxer who is wanted by Mike Jones, Gerry Cooney's manager, showed exactly why he is so much in demand.

Dar's opponent in the final will be Neil Haddock of Wales, who was an easy points winner over Byron Mphahlede of Malawi.

Guinness rides punches Like Daley Thompson, the Commonwealth Games boxer became Guinness on Tuesday night.



Scottish flier Middlemiss en route to reaching the last eight (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Middlemiss is bright spark

Kenoy Middlemiss, an electrical engineering student, aged 22, eliminated John Goss, the Canadian seed, 15-3, in his first round match.

Middlemiss paws has the surprise of reaching the last eight. Middlemiss, the slim, spare and flame-haired Herriot Watt student, was faster, more flexible, and quicker in his reactions.

Frivolity annoys the real Scots

By Paul Martin

It was designed to impress the Commonwealth Games visitors as but true Scots Highlanders were a little perplexed by it all.

Two dunnies engaged in their version of Scottish wrestling. On the feats of strength, "ancient and primitive manhood tests" was the pulling of a heavy lorry in two different styles.

Mixed fortunes for Scotland

Scotland suffered widely varying fortunes in the heats of the men's 200 metres individual medley yesterday morning.

But Scottish hopes of having three representatives in the final received a double blow. Robin Brew, the team captain, was fourth in qualifying.

England will have two representatives in the medley final, with Gary Binfield and John Davey, of the Salford club, qualifying in fourth and sixth places.

But she came even closer to a new world mark on Tuesday night with her 8 minutes 24.77 seconds for the 800 metres.

Weir left with huge sour taste

By Philip Nickson

Ivan Weir, the veteran Northern Irish wrestler, was left with a sour taste in his mouth when he was eliminated in the first round.

Dickison ready for challenge

By Gordon Allan

Jim Dickison, the New Zealand freestyle wrestler, was ready for the challenge in his first round match.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

Table with columns for BADMINTON, CYCLING, SWIMMING, SHOOTING, and DIVING, listing various events and winners.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Table with columns for BADMINTON, BOWLS, BOXING, and SWIMMING, listing various events and winners.

TODAY

ATHLETICS (at Meadowbank): 11:30am, men's 3000m walk final; 2pm, men's long jump final; 2:30pm, women's 100m hurdles semi-finals.

GOODY

Television film: 9.45pm, high jump final; 10.15pm, women's 200m freestyle final; 10.45pm, women's 400m freestyle final.

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Asst. Australia: Berni Bernardi; Bob Boserup; Canada: Gary Cayton; England: Peter Cook; Hong Kong: Ian O'Brien; India: Ranjit Kumar; Jamaica: Dennis Smith; Kenya: Peter Nderegi; New Zealand: Mike McCall; Northern Ireland: Scott Skelton; Singapore: Steve Venzon; South Africa: Alan Joubert; Sri Lanka: Sunil Perera; Trinidad and Tobago: Mike Simons; Wales: Iwan Thomas.

Sturges bows gladly to his track hero

Colin Sturges fingered the silver medal hanging around his neck and said without a trace of disappointment: "This is a solitary thing." The fact that he had been beaten to the gold by Dean Woods, of Australia, in the final of the 4,000 metres individual pursuit was no disgrace, and Sturges, at 17, was wise enough to know it.

Success a tonic for world bid

By Jim Railton

England's successes in the Commonwealth Games regatta given the team a boost for their most grueling test of the season, the World Championships in Nottingham in three weeks' time.

Great Britain has an embarrassment of riches at the top Olympic and Commonwealth gold medal winners.

Another two of the Commonwealth gold medal contenders, Adam Cliff and Martin Cross, compete in the World Championships, and as a coxswain pair.

'Velodrome needs roof' George Miller, the president of the Scottish cycling union, warned yesterday that the rain-soaked velodrome faces certain rain unless a roof is erected immediately.

Men's Badminton

Singles: 1st Round: G. Baddeley (Eng) 15-8, 15-10, 15-8; R. Robson (NZ) 15-3, 15-14, 15-7; M. Butler (Can) 15-3, 15-14, 15-7; P. Horne (NZ) 15-12, 15-10, 15-8; R. H. Williams (NZ) 15-3, 15-14, 15-7; S. Yu (Aus) 15-3, 15-14, 15-7; K. Goss (Can) 15-12, 15-10, 15-8; K. Stewart (NZ) 15-3, 15-14, 15-7.

Men's Bowls

Singles: 1st Round: M. David (Scot) 21-13; A. Wallace (Can) 15-11, 11-1; L. Clouston (Can) 15-11, 11-1; G. Smith (Can) 15-11, 11-1; D. Johnston (NZ) 15-11, 11-1; D. Johnston (NZ) 15-11, 11-1; D. Johnston (NZ) 15-11, 11-1.

Men's Boxing

Light-flyweight: SEMI-FINALS: M. Jones (Ire) 10-8; R. Epton (Eng) 10-7; W. Docherty (Scot) 10-8. Bantamweight: SEMI-FINALS: S. Murphy (Ire) 11-9; G. Balino (Ire) 11-9. Lightweight: SEMI-FINALS: N. Haddock (Wales) 11-9; J. Morrison (Ire) 11-9. Light-middleweight: SEMI-FINALS: O. Sherry (Can) 11-9; G. Thomas (Wales) 11-9; R. Finch (Aus) 11-9; M. Allen (Scot) 11-9. Light-heavyweight: SEMI-FINALS: L. Lawson (Scot) 11-9; B. Pugh (Ire) 11-9; J. Moran (Eng) 11-9; K. Koslofski (Can) 11-9. Super-heavyweight: SEMI-FINALS: J. Lomas (Can) 11-9; J. Jackson (Eng) 11-9. Only one semi-final at this weight.



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SPORT

Coe out of 1,500m and maybe 800m

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent

Sebastian Coe, who looked a certainty to run two finals in his first Commonwealth Games...

Coe's decision to withdraw from the longer distance must also point to the likelihood of a similar exit from the 800 metres...

All of which indicates, Coe's presence in the final or not, that Cram should win the first

Zola Budd will run in an alternative Commonwealth Games at Gateshead on Tuesday...

leg of his championship double.

Only Peter Elliott and Tom McKean are likely to get anywhere near Cram...

Overt's opponents in the 5,000 metres this afternoon should draw confidence from his attempt to secure the 1,500 metres place vacated by Coe...

Overt said yesterday: "I was disappointed that I was not selected. With respect to Rob

hood is still that Cram, John Gladwin and Harrison will win all three medals.

There are only really four men in contention in the 5,000 metres. Overt, Tim Hutchings and Jack Buckner for England, and John Walker of New Zealand.

Overt is aware that Walker, a former 1,500 metres man like himself, has had more experience of 5,000 metres...

Kirsty Wade must be favourite to retain the 800 metres title that she won at Miss McDermott in Brisbane four years ago...

Malcolm Beattie said yesterday he believed problems would always arise while the Games were not run by professionals...

Beattie has proposed that a body of five members organize future Games...

have been confirmed for the match already.

Daley Thompson runs a leg of the sprint relay and both Roger Black and Heather Oakes are also in the British team...

Several athletes involved in the Games boycott are due to be in the Commonwealth squad including the Jamaican Bert Cameron...

Harrison, after everything that has happened in Edinburgh this week, I'm sure the crowd would have liked to see Cram versus Overt...

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Driving force: David Thomas, of Surrey, in action against Nottinghamshire in the NatWest Trophy quarter-final at the Oval. (Photograph: Michael Floyd) Report, page 30

Botham versus Rest of World

Ian Botham will be back in action for an England XI today, just 24 hours before the end of his nine-week ban...

Indeed, it could be a step towards Botham's return to the England Test scene since he was suspended after his drug-taking confession in May...

Botham will find himself bowling at Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson...

It should be just the preparation Botham needs for his return to county championship cricket against Worcestershire at Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday.

This is the sixth year that Callers-Pegasus have staged a festival of cricket at Newcastle upon Tyne...

"We started in 1980 by sponsoring a match between the Minor Counties and the West Indies...

ENGLAND XI: K J Barnett (Derbyshire), C I Smith (Hampshire), C W J Athey (Gloucestershire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)...

Recipe for the sporting genius

DAVID MILLER

Asked by David Hemery what was his most memorable match, and for an illustration of reaction to extreme stress...

Level on aggregate at 3-3 in the second leg with only moments to go, there was a throw-in for Manchester...

"Stay calm" Charlton said to himself, walking steadily towards the Spaniard and holding out his hand...

Exceptional achievers in sport are not simply lucky, or born that way. The ideal of effortless excellence as still perceived in English public schools as late as the 1950s...

Evidence in the Village

Mental awareness is the key. Walk round the Games Village in Edinburgh, and you can see almost at a glance those competitors who are allowing events to happen to them...

Hemery's just published study of achievers, The Pursuit of Sporting Excellence (Collins £12.95) is revealing most of all in the mental attitudes of 63 performers in 22 sports from 12 countries.

Awareness can take widely different forms: from Daley Thompson's lying on his back before a decathlon thinking his way through each event...

Mr Big is still wanted

Ray Illingworth yesterday confirmed he had turned down the job as England team manager. The former England captain, now aged 54, was offered the post on Monday...

But Illingworth was not prepared to accept the job on the terms offered. He wanted complete control while the TCCB insisted he would work under a tour manager abroad and under the chairman of selectors at home.

Illingworth said: "It was the sort of job I always wanted, more challenging than anything I had done before..."

John Newcombe, prior to a championship, final would "visualize" the sequence from the dressing room onto the court and the first two or three games to acclimatize his reactions in advance...

Discipline of the mind

Definition of objective, control of expectation, is crucial. Cram describes how in 1981 at Crystal Palace he was mentally unprepared for the idea of passing Overt in the home straight...

Greg Chappell tells how his centuries were compiled by a mental objective of ten runs at a time. Lynn Davies how he realized, half way through the Olympic long jump final, that he could win simply by adjusting his reaction to post weather better than his rivals...

Jackie Stewart's return to the track to come second at Monza, following the death of his friend Jackie Rindt and caring overnight for Rindt's wife, is a remarkable tale of mental discipline.

Hemery's statistics: in daily life \$9 per cent for developers 66 per cent, etc. and his interest in the Olympics has been a constant. He has liked to see the best of the world in the same place at the same time.

The toast is great Breton

Adrian Breton, a 23-year-old telephone engineer, was the pride of the 49-strong Guernsey team yesterday after winning the Channel Isle's first medal...

His two-day total of 588 would have given him the gold medal at any other Games, but he had to play second best to Australian Pat Murray who shot a Games record 591...

England's leading badminton players, Steve Baddeley and Nick Yates, in the men's singles, and defending champion Helen Troke, in the women's, all reached the last eight...

The remarkable 100 per cent bowling success of New Zealand's Ian Dickson continued at Balgownie where Ray Hill, of Wales, was his latest victim...

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More tears as new events feel boycott

The boycott of sports events in Britain, which has spoilt the 13th Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, is spreading...

Although it will be too late to save these championships from being spoilt, next month's Commonwealth conference could save future events from more serious disruption...

Malcolm Beattie said yesterday he believed problems would always arise while the Games were not run by professionals...

Beattie has proposed that a body of five members organize future Games...

A plea for full-time organizers

A member of Auckland's organizing committee for the 1990 Commonwealth Games yesterday criticized the administration of the current event...

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RUGBY UNION

Sevens will benefit from sponsorship

Both the Rugby Football Union and Middlesex will benefit next season from an extension of Save and Prosper's sponsorship of rugby...

Save and Prosper came to a three-agreement worth £500,000 with the RFU last December which includes sponsorship of one international each season...

It will be the first time in its 60 year-old history that the sevens have been sponsored and it was described yesterday by Peter Yarranton...

RACING

Sonic Lady supreme

Sonic Lady, the season's leading miler, gained her fifth pattern success of the year at Goodwood yesterday when Walter Swinburn brought Sheikh Mohammed's filly from last to first to win the £175,000 Swetrenham Stud Stakes...

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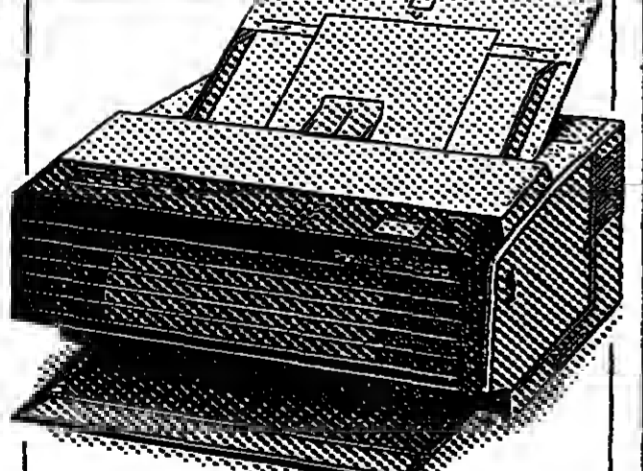
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